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Liturgical Date: Year A, Pentecost 19, October 11th, 2020

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Focus Reading Matthew 22:1-14

Message 6 minutes 20 seconds "Blessed are the comfortable"

Discussion Starters

- 1 As you experienced the message what was familiar and what was strange?
- 2 Describe times when you felt comfortable in your faith; and other times when you felt challenged because your life is relatively comfortable compared to others?
- 3 How does your congregation both comfort you and challenge you in your journey?
- 4 Do you find your wider community insular, or open to the challenges knowledge of the suffering in the world, brings?

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Exodus 32:1-14 God's people make an idol from their own gold. Moses persuades God to remember the ancestral promise to forestall God's wrath.

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 The psalmist recalls how God's people have been sinning from the get-go, the psalmist trusts God, who shows favour and delivers God's people, even from their idolatry.

Philippians 4:1-9 Toward the end of his letter, Paul makes an appeal to the church to move beyond disagreement. Paul reminds the Philippians to stand firm in the Lord and rejoice always. God's peace will be with them.

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All Age Message 2 min 20 sec Rev Garry Derkenne Title: "No one left out"

Children's parties can be great occasions but some children are often left out – it happens to us all in many different areas of our lives, sometimes being left out leaves us feeling very alone. However, we really are never alone and are always loved because God is always within us with His love and encouragement; pointing us to the beautiful things in the world that are around us, like the birds and nature and to being with him in our daily lives.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book)** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 page 326

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