



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

AUGUST 31, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM



The Episcopal

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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If you are here for the *first time* (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (*The Gloria*) is found before hymn 1.

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Fill out a pew card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to be placed on on the weekly email, *Parish Tidings*, for the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook:
facebook.com/episcopalloudon.



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude *(only at 10:30)*

May God Smile on You

J. S. Bach

Entrance Hymn *(only at 10:30)*

Tell out my soul

Hymnal 438

All standing

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria *(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

Hymnal S-280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Lector A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

BCP 704

Lector We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
“Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Lector A reading from Paul’s letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

Sequence Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

Come thou fount of every blessing (verses 1-2)

Hymnal 686

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn (*only at 10:30*)

Come thou fount of every blessing (verse 3)

Hymnal 686

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able. Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.

Lector I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Sean; our Diocesan Bishop, Brian; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We remember especially **Brenda B.; Jackie C.; David H; Robyn; Kathleen; Jenon; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.**

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.
Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

Continuing in a posture of prayer, we will hold a moment of silence for individual, silent confessions before the priest leads us into the words of corporate confession.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP 360

Standing as you are able.

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

Offertory Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymnal 405

The Celebrant invites the people's offerings.

Doxology *(only at 10:30)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

1 Chronicles 29:14

Celebrant For all things come from you, O Lord;
People **and of your own have we given you.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

*From Enriching Our Worship, The Standing Liturgical Commission of
the Episcopal Church: New York: Church Publishing, 1997*

Sursum Corda (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Hymnal S-120

(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)

Celebrant The Lord be with you,

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Sanctus *(Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30)*

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Hymn (*Spoken at 8:00, sung at 10:30*)

Hymnal S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.

If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Glory, Love, and Praise

Hymnal 300

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Blessing

Post-Communion Hymn *(only at 10:30)*
Lord, whose love through humble service

Hymnal 610

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude *(only at 10:30)*
Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE arr. by Lloyd Larson

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Parish Announcements, Prayers, & Thanksgivings

Memorial Garden Fee Increase September 1st FINAL DAY to lock in the current pricing for yourself or a family member; you may apply and pay for your plot or plaque by August 31. Prices will increase from \$700 to \$1,000 (ashes), and from \$300 to \$500 (bronze plaque). Please speak with Jane Mocilac or Jean Cardwell if you have any questions. Applications are available from either Jean or Jane.

Friendship Kitchen needs some cooks!

We provide meals to about 100 Loudon County folks, every 8 weeks, working in partnership with Church of the Good Shepherd Lutheran church. **On September 15, we need 2 or 3 more cooks in the kitchen, from 12:00 - 4:00** to cook beans, make coleslaw, and assemble plates for delivery. If you can help, please call Diane Van Koughnett at (865)-458-6000.

Bow Making Class

Tuesday, September 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Rosemary Kitts and Jean Cardwell will be teaching us how to make beautiful bows for the ECW wreaths or for our own personal decorating. Class will meet downstairs in the Parish Hall.

Do you have two hands?

Every Tuesday and Thursday through September, we will gather downstairs in the Parish Hall at 1:30 to tie pinecones for our ECW Christmas wreaths. We invite all parishioners with hands - not just the ladies - to help out!

Choir Shout Out!

Most who have attended the 10:30 a.m. service at Resurrection have heard our choir sing the Offertory Anthem and hymns. Membership has doubled to 10 in less than a year, although rarely do all 10 sing together, as most serve double duty during Mass. Rehearsals are held twice weekly and at special times during special liturgical seasons. To be sure, we share camaraderie and lots of fun, but accepting and prioritizing this strictly volunteer position with such dedication is a major responsibility. Even so, theirs is clearly a heartfelt offering to our communal worship. Please consider taking a moment to express your appreciation to our choir members for their terrific spirits and generous service!

Our Parish Prayer List

Brenda B.; Jackie C.; David H.;
Robyn; Kathleen; Jenon

Continuing Prayers for:

Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.; the Hentchel family;
Pat; Claire; Sandy; Rob & Sherry; Cheri; Jane;
Shannon; Jim; Mel; Wayne; Diana N.; Jack; Ashley;
Raynella; Ed & Jean; Kim E.; Joe; Beverly; Grace;
Virginia; Betty Anne; Janey; Johnny; and Karen H.

For our Vestry leaders:

Class of 2025: Lisa A., Donna B., Diane V.K.

Class of 2026: Drew H., Dawson H., Jenny L.

Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.

Officers: Jenny L., Diane V.K., Dawson H., Sally L.

Also for the Diocesan Prayer List:

For Agriculture, BCP 824

For Rain, BCP 828

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 25	Jan Hanna
August 25	Gloria Andrzejewski
August 27	Jen Hennes
September 3	Liz Berg
September 3	Virginia Perry
September 4	Vicky & Dave St. John
September 6	Cheryl Riggen
September 9	Debbie & Mel Hines
September 13	Betty Anne Haldi
September 14	John McCoy, II
September 18	Cindy Hentchel
September 22	Julie Arledge

SAVE THE DATE!

Diocesan Women's Day Conference

Saturday, October 25

9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Church of the Ascension, Knoxville

More information is available at dioet.org and in the Parish Tidings.

For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

August 31	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Donna Bye	Monty Ross	Altar Guild: Bev Baumgardner
EM	Andrew Wilkinson	Jackie Buttinelli	Flower Guild: Dianna Stimpson
Lectors	Jerry Ploeger	Tony Adams	Organist: Judy Moyer
Ushers	Carl Bye	Keytha Graves & David Baumgardner	Celebrant &
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Jenny Lucas	Preacher: Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Monday Volunteer 9/1 N/A
Counters	n/a	Monty Ross & Nelda Griffith	CLOSED Labor Day

NEXT WEEK

Sept 7	8:00 am	10:30 am	
Acolyte	Holly Pate	Drew Hawley	Altar Guild: Donna Bye
EM	Jack Lefler	Jane Mocilac	Flower Guild: Rosemary Kitts
Lectors	Jerry Ploeger	Keytha Graves	Organist: Judy Moyer
Ushers	Carl Bye	Art Stewart & Garry Lucas	Celebrant &
Coffee Hour	Pam McAfee	Ginny Tolbert	Preacher: Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Monday Office Volunteer 9/8
Counters	n/a	Carolyn Parker & Jean Cardwell	Donna Bye

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, September 1
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - office closed
7:00 p.m. - AA (open meeting)

Tuesday, September 2
1:00 p.m. - Bow Making Class
1:30 p.m. - Pinecone Tying

Wednesday, September 3
9:00 a.m. - Deadline for Parish Tidings
or bulletin submissions

Thursday, September 4
9:30 a.m. - Prayers and Squares
1:30 p.m. - Pinecone Tying

Sunday, September 7
8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, spoken
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, choral

COMING UP ...

Tuesday & Thursday, September 9 & 11
Pinecone Tying

Sunday, September 14
Holy Eucharist, spoken
Holy Eucharist, choral
Guest Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. Marc Strong

**Check your Parish Tidings
for upcoming details!**

*Email office@episcopalloudon.com by Wednesday
at 9 a.m. to have your ministry or committee's
activities added to the parish calendar.*

*To contact our priest, the Rev. Dr. Rebecca
Bridges, please email rector@episcopalloudon.com
or call the church at (865) 986-2390. For
pastoral needs after hours, call (865) 242-9240.*

TODAY'S ART



Title: Luke 14 Banquet, 2015

Artist: Hyatt Moore, 1943 -

On display at Joni & Friends, Agoura Hills, CA

Just a week ago (2/24/2015) I shared the beginnings of a giant mural. Here's a few pictures of the process. The venue was the large Calvary Community Church in Westlake Village and the occasion, a first-ever international conference of disabled people sponsored by Joni and Friends, a well-known organization dedicated to helping these people in a myriad of ways and around the world.



Here I am throwing paint. That small painting on the left is for another project coming up, brought as sample.

The first day was really one of preparation. A professional carpenter had built the stretcher bars to size, done with kiln-dried wood and dowels (no nails or screws). It was waiting for us on-site. I brought a giant bolt of canvas and, with help, stretched and stapled it onto the bars. Then Anne and I went to work putting in a background color. Some asked, "Why blue?" It was just to get rid of all that white. But as I thought about it, God's banquet would likely be outside . . . no ceiling, no walls, with blue sky and stars.

Every one in the picture is a real person with a real story. The little boy in the front was recipient of Joni and Friends' one-hundred-thousandth donated wheelchair. After preparation, it was a four-day project. Of course they were 12 to 14-hour days. The photos here were taken on the last day, when I asked Anne to get involved again, as she had on the first day. Though very much an artist, Anne is not a painter. No matter: I needed the help. She put in the fruit on the table and a few other details. When she wasn't painting, she was "handling traffic" as people gathered around, day and evening, between sessions and during meals.



Planning for this project started about a year and a half ago. I was confident I could paint what they had in mind, but only if I had a photo to work from. Just two weeks before, all these people, with various disabilities, sometimes along with their caretaker, dressed in international garb were photographed. The photo session took a whole day, with some elements photoshopped in later. A print of the result is on the wheeled cart in front of Anne.



Notice that some at the table are servers, and in fact often the disabled need a full-time helper (or more) just to get on. God bless both parties.

The mural depicts a take on Jesus's parable in Luke 14 where a man prepared a grand banquet but everyone invited was too busy to come. So he instructed his servants to go out and get people from among "the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." It's a theme truth with Joni and Friends and the mural will hang prominently in their headquarters and Tspeak to what they're about.

It's real people depicted in the mural, including one from Jamaica blinded and disfigured after being assaulted with battery acid, a scarred soldier without an ear, a little Guatemalan boy with severe cerebral palsy, a lovely young (pregnant) woman who suffered a stroke, and ...

Nine hundred people were at the conference, and I must say I was changed in the process. This is a real population, worldwide, often ignored, often further abused, particularly in third-world situations. Joni and Friends is a singular organization doing what they can to address it.



References

https://www.hyattmoore.com/store/Christian_Prints/Luke_14_Banquet
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