



THE PARTY PRINCE

CHRISTMAS TO EASTER #6
(JOHN 2:1-11)

NOTES:

I contend that in all these miracles alike the incarnate God does suddenly and locally something that God has done or will do in general. Each miracle writes for us in small letters something that God has already



written, or will write, in letters 'almost too large to be noticed, across the whole canvas of Nature.... The earliest of these was the conversion of water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. This miracle proclaims that the God of all wine is present. The vine is one of the blessings sent by Jahweh: He is the reality behind the false god Bacchus. Every year, as part of the Natural order, God makes wine. He does so by

creating a vegetable organism that can turn water, soil and sunlight into a juice which will, under proper conditions, become wine. Thus, in a certain sense, He constantly turns water into wine, for wine, like all drinks, is but water modified. Once, and in one year only, God, now incarnate, short circuits the process: makes wine in a moment: uses earthenware jars instead of vegetable fibres to hold the water. But uses them to do what He is always doing. The miracle consists in the short cut; but the event to which it leads is the usual one...

- C. S. Lewis, Miracles 1947

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Contemporary at Covenant

Welcome to Worship

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. – John 2:11



Prelude

Welcome & Church
Family News

Songs of Praise
Samuel Ducñas
& the CPC Praise Band

“This Is Amazing Grace”

“Now Great Is Our God”

“No Longer Slaves”

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Children’s Prayer Time Kati Guerrero

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance

Time of Offering

*(Our giving as an act of worship. You are encouraged
to participate however God leads you.)*

Scripture: John 2:1-11 (p.887)

Message: “The Party Prince” Patrick McNeely

*Unison Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Song of Response: “Be Thou My Vision”

Final Word of Blessing



Paolo Veronese, The Wedding at Cana (1563)