

Fourth Sunday of Easter

On earth, as it is in heaven

Matthew 22:1-14

The Kingdom of Heaven is
a transformed understanding of reality,
seeing heavenly realities on earth,
now and forever.

*Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth, as it is in heaven.*

Kingdom of Heaven in Matthew

3:2 Turn back to God! The ____ will soon be here.

5:3 Those depending on God: “They belong to the ____

5:10 Those treated badly for doing right: “They belong
to the ____

16:19 I will give you the keys to the ____

18:1 Who would be greatest in the ____?”

The ____ is like planting seeds, baking bread...

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“What do you give the one who has everything?”

Everyone is invited to the Banquet, round two

Of those who know they need a banquet...

everyone comes

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But what about...

*Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding robe?*

*We humans prefer a manageable complexity,
to an unmanageable simplicity.*

-Bruno Barnhart 1931-2015
New Camaldoli Monastery

The Kingdom of Heaven,
is unmanageable simplicity.

Goal #1:

By 2024 we will be a congregation that is equipping *all* to...

learn about,

walk with, and

live out

the teachings of Jesus in daily life.



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