

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?”

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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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**The Banquet is now, and *everyone* is invited.**