



Wine and Dine With Jesus

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But Not With Wine by Jessica Powers
"You are drunk but not with wine." Isaiah 51:21

O God of too much giving, whence is this
inebriation that possesses me
that the staid road now wanders all amiss
and that the wind walks much too giddily,
clutching a bush for balance, or a tree?
How then can dignity and pride endure
With such inordinate mirth upon the land,
When steps and speech are somewhat insecure
And the light heart is wholly out of hand?

If there be indecorum in my songs,
fasten the blame where rightly it belongs:
on Him who offered me too many cups
of His most potent goodness – not on me,
a peasant who, because a king was host,
drank out of courtesy.

Scriptures to Pray With When Planning a Dinner or Party

John 12: 1-8 Notice how Jesus accepts hospitality and what Martha and Mary do to create a safe place for him to enjoy himself.

Luke 1: 35- 49 The Visitation – Mary and Elizabeth

Luke 12: 35 The Master will wait on faithful servant

Hospitality of the Body

Jesus welcomes the children Matthew 19: 13-15

Woman who cried and washed his feet with her tears

Luke 7: 36-50

Woman who anointed his body with oil John 12

At Eucharist Jesus gave his very Body and Blood Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22:19-20

"I live in You and You live in me" – Ultimate Hospitality John 15: 4

Stretched out on the cross, arms outstretched, Matthew 27:45 - 54



"Anointing His Feet" Wayne Forte



YOUR BODY Hospitality

The crook of your arm

Your lap

The palm of your hand

How do you offer the hospitality of your body – a safe, warm place to another?

The Guest House

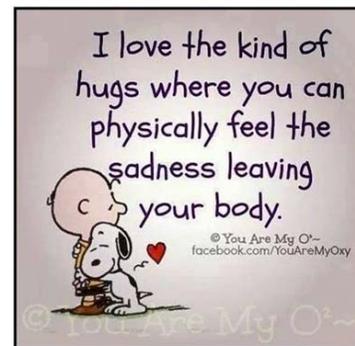
This being human is a guest house.
Every morning a new arrival.
A joy, a depression, a meanness
some momentary awareness comes
as an unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!
Even if they're a crowd of sorrows
who violently sweep your house
empty of its furniture,
still, treat each guest honorable.
he may be clearing you out
for some new delight.

The dark thought, the shame, the malice
meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.

be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.

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Contemplative Prayer before and after the Party

Spend time in silence. Listen to God's invitation. What is God's hope for this party?

How is being a host or hostess a calling?

Remember how Jesus enjoyed hospitality.

Anticipate what you imagine would make this a great party.

Pray that people will connect with each other.

Who will you ask to help you delegate tasks so you can be present to your guests?

Make a To Do List but also a List of your Intentions and Hopes.

After: Did people have a good time? What surprised you? What are you grateful for?
Surrender and let go of what disappointed you and glean a lesson for next time.

Books:

Byrne, Brendan *The Hospitality of God*

Fatula, Mary Ann *Catherine of Siena's Way*

Video: Sr. Jose Hobday <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQRrIBf5FGk>