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Liturgical Date: Year C, Epiphany 2, 16th January 2022

Presenter **Allison Forrest**

Focus Readings Psalm 36:5-10, John 2:1-11

Message 7 minutes 6 seconds **“Grace upon grace”**

Discussion Starters

- 1** What part of the message stood to you today?
- 2** What does “grace upon grace” mean in your life?
- 3** How does your congregation experience God’s abundant love, faithfulness and wisdom?
- 4** Where do you see God’s abundant love at work in your community?

Lectionary readings for the day

Isaiah 62:1-5 Isaiah invites the listener to imagine the joy and hope that fills the hearts of a young couple on their wedding day. This is the joyful spirit that describes a forgiving God who once again takes a wayward Israel as a beloved bride.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Paul reminds the Corinthians that the one Spirit of God has given many gifts to individuals but that all the gifts are for the good of the community.

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All Age Message Allison Forrest **“The wedding at Cana”**

Length 4 Minutes 55 seconds

Precis of AAM

John Swanson painted a very interesting art interpretation of the story of the ‘Wedding at Cana’. This was a story about Jesus converting water into wine, a great and powerful thing to do for this disgraced host and his community because they did not supply enough for the needs of this wedding. In this act, his disciples saw for the first time the greatness of Jesus and they believed.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 36:5-10, pages 276**

Allison Forrest

An exit Candidate for Minister of Deacon at Uniting Theological College. I have always lived in Sydney and spent most of my life in an inner city, before moving out to the Centre for Ministry in North Parramatta to complete my studies. I love the space and natural environment here, and enjoy walking in the bush nearby. I’ve been an early childhood teacher, mission worker, church and university administrator, and have qualifications in English education, philosophy and TESOL. I was studying to become a librarian when God changed my life by calling me into formation for ministry! I love to learn and studying theology is definitely my happy place. I also enjoy practicing yoga, singing, knitting, bushwalking, cooking (especially dinners for friends), and learning to become a gardener.