

Eucharistic Homily

Mark 10:1-16

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In 1 Cor. 11 the Apostle Paul tells us that as often as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. It's important for us to consider what exactly that means and what this Table is all about.

We usually place all the emphasis on the first part: the Lord's death. We often approach Communion with great seriousness, even somberness. We often dwell on Christ's death on the cross and think about the fact that it was our sin that put Him there. And rightly so. We certainly should not approach the Lord's Table flippantly, and we certainly should consider the price that Jesus paid to accomplish our salvation.

But we must also consider the second part of what Paul says: we celebrate the Lord's Supper with the return of Jesus very much on the forefront of our minds. Holy Communion reminds us of the good news that Jesus died and was raised, and ascended into Heaven, and will one day return in glory to consummate His marriage to us, His Bride, the Church. If that sounds scandalous, we need to remember that this is exactly what the book of Revelation shows us: All of God's plans, all of God's purposes are headed toward none other than a wedding feast—the marriage supper of the Lamb.

All the good fairy tales get their inspiration from the story of the Bible, because this is the fairy tale that is actually true. Jesus is the valiant prince in shining armor who journeyed to a far country where He laid down His life to rescue His Bride from the dark castle guarded by an evil dragon. He has returned victoriously to His Father's house to prepare a place for us, and will one day bring us home to live with Him happily ever after. Each Lord's Day we meet with our Bridegroom at His Table where He gives us a glimpse—a foretaste—of that great banquet that awaits us.

If you've been baptized into Christ, you have been caught up into this love story, and you are welcome to this feast that our Bridegroom has prepared for us.

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