

# **Eucharistic Homily**

**John 20:1-18**

4/1/18

Easter 1

When we realize what it means that Jesus is the last Adam and the second Man, then we come to understand more fully the significance of the Lord's Supper.

By His rebellion, the first Adam was exiled from God's presence and was cut off from the Tree of Life. This was God's mercy so that mankind would not be forever confirmed in his fallen condition.

But now, the last Adam has come and delivered us from the curse of sin and death. In Christ, we have access into God's presence. In Christ, we are rescued from Adam's sinful flesh. In Christ, the cross—the cursed tree—has become the Tree of Life and the fruit of that tree is Jesus Himself. Each Lord's Day, God invites us to come and feast with Him at His table to receive all the benefits of Christ's broken body and shed blood. Through the bread and the wine, our gracious God imparts to us the life of Christ by His Spirit so that we can live new creation lives even while we await the redemption of our bodies.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are welcome to this feast that Christ Jesus—our priest, king, and prophet—has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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