

Eucharistic Homily

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7/8/18

At the heart of the gospel is the indisputable fact that Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords, who has crushed the serpent's head and destroyed the works of the devil. As the gospel of the kingdom goes forth into the world, Jesus is plundering the realm of Satan and delivering the nations from the dominion of darkness. Can the forces of evil stand against the power of King Jesus? Will the rebellious nations of the earth be able to cast off His authority? Of course not. The book of Revelation tells us that the kingdoms of *this world* will become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever.

In fact, the final victory of Christ and the total triumph of His kingdom are so certain that Jesus invites us each and every week to celebrate His conquest in advance. The Lord's Supper is a victory feast that celebrates the finished work of Christ's death and resurrection, His ongoing reign over the world through His church, and the future glory of the kingdom that will be realized at the Last Day. Jesus must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. Until then, we feast in confident hope of Christ's triumph. Jesus gives us a foretaste of that great banquet we will share in the fullness of His kingdom so that we will be strengthened for battle in the present.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are invited to partake of this victory feast that Jesus has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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