

Eucharistic Homily

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018

Our whole salvation is found in union with Jesus. He doesn't give us one piece at a time, but, instead, He imparts all His gifts to us in three phases: the already, the not yet, and the life in between. We are constantly in the process of becoming who we are and—one day—will be in Christ.

It shouldn't surprise us, then, that the Lord's Supper has application for the already, the not yet, and life in between. In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul says, "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup [in the present], you proclaim the Lord's death [already] until he comes [not yet]."

The "already" aspect of the Lord's Supper is to reaffirm all that Jesus has done for us and communicate all those benefits to us anew. The "not yet" aspect is that the Lord's Supper gives us a foretaste of the glorious future that awaits us when we will be raised to life immortal and feast with Jesus in glory. And in between the already and the not yet, the Lord's Supper transforms us so that we are renewed in the image of our Savior and empowered to live out the life of heaven here on earth. Come and receive the gifts of God by faith. Come and rejoice in the promises of God by faith. Come and receive the life of God by faith.

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

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