

Eucharistic Homily

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018

Colossians 3 instructs us to set our mind on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. In addition to many other practical applications, celebrating the Lord's Supper each and every week gives us a unique opportunity to seek heavenly things so that we will be strengthened for service here on earth. Eating a little piece of bread and drinking a small cup of wine may not seem like much, but God has promised to give us all the benefits that Jesus has secured for us when we receive these gifts by faith.

By faith, we participate in the broken body and shed blood of the risen and exalted Jesus. When we come to the Lord's Supper, we are saying that we believe God's word: that our lives are hidden with God in Christ. We have union and communion with Him.

By faith, we claim God's promise of adoption sealed to us in baptism. In coming to the Lord's Table every week, we are demonstrating that we believe that God is our gracious Father who always provides for His children.

By faith, we confess our humble dependence on the grace and mercy of God. Partaking of this Supper is not about our strength or accomplishments but about our reliance on God to nourish and sustain us.

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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