

Eucharistic Homily

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

In addition to the themes of light associated with the presence of God, there's something else that almost always accompanies the coming of the Lord: food.

Malachi is all about the Tribute Offering, which was an offering of bread. Part of the bread was to be offered on the altar and the other portion was to be eaten by the priests in the presence of God. Malachi explicitly tells us that God's coming in judgment would result in the Levites offering righteous Tribute offerings to the Lord. In other words, the day of the Lord includes a meal with God.

When God comes and purifies His people, He prepares us to feast with Him. When God comes and destroys His enemies, He celebrates with a victory feast. To be invited to God's Table is to be marked out as His own treasured possession and a citizen of His kingdom. As a result, one of the best ways to observe the season of Advent is to come to the Table of the Lord in hopeful anticipation of that great day when we will feast with our Savior in the fullness of His kingdom.

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 our gracious God has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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