

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Christmas Sunday

December 30, 2018

That day when Simeon embraced baby Jesus in his arms, he knew that God had kept His promise. He knew that he could die in peace. He knew that salvation had arrived. He knew all this because he saw the glory of God with his own two eyes.

I know that a little piece of bread and a small cup of wine are not nearly as cute as a newborn baby, but the point is the same. When we come to the Table of the Lord, you can know for sure that God is faithful to keep His promises. At the Lord's Table each week, the peace of God is given to us in tangible—even edible—form. When you receive the body and blood of Christ by faith, that is God's way of reaffirming to you that your salvation is secure because of what Christ has done for you. And, unlike Simeon, you don't even have to wait until the end of your life to see it. You get to eat this good news every week of your life.

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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