

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Installation Service – 1/28/18

As we come to the Table this morning, it is imperative that we remember just whose table this is. It would be a huge mistake to think that this used to be Randy Wilding's table but is now my table. Not at all. This table does not belong to Randy Wilding or Jimmy Gill or Christ Presbyterian Church. This is the table of Jesus Himself, and it He who invites us to feast with Him this Lord's Day.

After all, it's Jesus Christ—and only Jesus Christ—who is the mediator between God and man. He is the Great Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep. He is the King who sacrificed Himself for His people. He is the Great High Priest who offered Himself as the only perfect sacrifice for sinners. He is the Bridegroom who gave His life in order to win a Bride for Himself.

When we come to the Table of Jesus in faith, we receive all the benefits that He has secured for us by His death, resurrection, and ascension. When we come to the Table of Jesus in faith, we get a foretaste of that great Marriage Supper that awaits us in the fullness of God's kingdom. This is what it means to "proclaim [in the present] the Lord's death [a past event] until He comes again [in the future]." It is the Lord's Supper that brings the past and the future together into the present. The life of the age to come has broken into the present, and the Spirit of God imparts that glorious resurrection life to us through this bread and wine. So, welcome to the future. Welcome to the Table of Jesus.

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