

Eucharistic Homily

Luke 24

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The resurrection changes everything, and the Lord's Supper is no exception. Luke describes Jesus' meal in Emmaus with the same language used to describe the Last Supper: "Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them." I think the reason Luke highlights the connection between these two meals is to show us how Jesus' resurrection has transformed the sacramental meal of the New Covenant.

The Last Supper was an occasion marked by sadness and suspense and suspicion. The impending death and departure of Jesus loomed large over the meal. On that fateful night, the bread and the wine symbolized the torment and the agony that Jesus was about to undergo for us.

But the resurrection has transformed Jesus' last supper into a victory feast. Of course, we still proclaim the Lord's death, but we also celebrate His defeat of death and the glorious promise of new creation life. The bread is still communion in Christ's body and the wine is still communion in Christ's blood, but now Christ's body and blood have been raised, transformed, glorified, and exalted. The conquering king is on His throne, and He offers His life, His glory, and His grace to us in this resurrection meal.

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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