

Eucharistic Homily

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

6/17/18

After the Fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, fellowship with God was cut off. Only by God's grace, a way of mediated access was made through priests and substitutionary sacrifices. In the Old Covenant there were holy places you just couldn't go. In the Old Covenant there were holy things you just couldn't touch. In the Old Covenant there were holy foods that you just couldn't eat. Even in the earthly replica of the heavenly sanctuary, most people were barred from entering, barred from touching, barred from eating on pain of death. After all, holy things are for holy people.

But Christ's death, resurrection, ascension, and giving of the Spirit has changed all that. All who have been baptized in union with Christ and received the Holy Spirit are now holy. There are no longer any holy places that are off-limits; you are welcome into the very throne room of heaven. There are no special classes of holy people. There are no longer restrictions on holy foods. Now you are welcomed into God's presence to feast with Him on the Spiritual food and drink of Christ's body and blood. These gifts are given to us by our gracious God, because holy things are for holy people. That is who we are and who we are called to be.

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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