

Eucharistic Homily

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

7/15/18

Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." This is not merely a request things on earth obey God's word in the same way that things in heaven obey God's word. No, this is fundamentally a request for God to establish and expand His heavenly kingdom here on earth. We are praying for heaven to come to earth—for the new creation to invade this world.

The Lord's Supper is one of the primary ways that God's future blessings are already breaking into the present. As we commune in the glorified body of Christ, new creation is invading and renewing this fallen creation. As the benefits of Christ's body and blood are imparted to us, resurrection life is already taking shape in the midst of this world's death and decay. This heavenly, Spiritual food nourishes us and strengthens us to live according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh. As we gather at God's table with God's people here and around the world, the divisions and hostilities caused by sin are eradicated.

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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