

Eucharistic Homily

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
7/22/18

The glory and scandal of the gospel may be most clearly expressed in the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper manifests the gospel of the kingdom, because partaking of this royal banquet is to pledge ultimate allegiance to King Jesus as our Lord and Sovereign. Feasting at the Lord's Table bears witness to the king who now reigns from heaven but is establishing His kingdom here on earth.

The Lord's Supper manifests the gospel of God coming near, because the Supper is one of the primary ways that God gives Himself to us. As we are nourished by this Spiritual food, we abide in Christ and Christ comes to abide in us.

The Lord's Supper manifests the gospel of reconciliation by the fact that all people are invited to this feast. There are no distinctions, no special treatment, no VIPs at the Lord's Table. The world is transformed as the church demonstrates the hospitality of God at the Table.

Finally, the Lord's Supper manifests the gospel of glory and exaltation in Christ. It is in the Supper that we come to know the mysteries of God, understand the wisdom of God, and grow into maturity as children of God. It is here at the Table that we are endowed with Christ's authority and empowered for service in the world.

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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