

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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The Passover meal in the book of Exodus provides one of the clearest pictures of how God views our children and how we should view our children. The blood of the lamb that was spread on the lintel and doorposts of the home protected the entire household from God's judgment of death. The children of the family were explicitly included in the Passover meal, which was designed to teach the children about God's gracious deliverance and who they were as members of the covenant people. The covenant children of Israel didn't have to earn access to the Passover meal by learning a bunch of stuff, because their participation in the Passover meal was how they came to know God and His faithfulness.

The same principle applies to the Lord's Supper, which is the New Covenant fulfillment of the Passover. God claims our children as His own children in baptism, and then He welcomes them to come and feast at the family table. We bring our children to feast with us not because they've got it all figured out but because this is one of the most powerful ways that God reaffirms His Fatherly love for them. The Lord's Supper is not about what you can do for God, but about what God has done for us, His children.

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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