

Eucharistic Homily

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 14, 2018

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7), Jesus taught his disciples to pray by addressing God in a new and astonishing way: “our Father”. And because we call on God as our father, Jesus exhorted his followers to pray with great confidence. Jesus said, “Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

The good news of the gospel is that you have a gracious heavenly Father who delights to bestow good gifts on His children. He has secured your salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, He has adopted you in baptism, and He promises you eternal life and everlasting glory. He loves you enough to discipline when you sin in order to mature you and perfect you. He always hears and answers our prayers by giving us what we ask for or something better. And every Lord’s Day He feeds us at the family table with nothing less than the life-giving manna from heaven and the royal cup of victory.

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 our gracious Father has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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