

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

In the midst of a season that contains so much eating, Mary's song reminds us of this central promise of the gospel: "God fills the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty."

The Lord's table is one of the primary ways that God fills us with good things. Here at this table we commune in the body and blood of Jesus, the Word made flesh. As we eat the bread and drink the cup, the Holy Spirit imparts to us all the benefits of Christ's broken body and shed blood. But in order to receive these good things, we have to come hungry.

This table is not for those who are full of themselves, but for those who are hungry and in need of God's grace. This table is not for those who think they deserve it, but for those who know they don't. This table is not for those who exalt themselves, but for those who are willing to throw themselves on God's mercy. So receive these good gifts of God in humility, and then rejoice in the amazing grace of our Savior.

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

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