

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Third Lord's Day of Epiphany  
January 20, 2019

We often have trouble imagining how God could be involved in our deepest sorrow and greatest trials. We may be tempted to despair when we look at the world around us and the brokenness in our own lives. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, however, reminds us that God is with us to bless us even in our darkest hour.

Even we see evil all around us and feel the effects of the Fall weighing on us, Jesus is still the Good Shepherd and the mighty king who spreads a Table before us in the presence of our enemies. This Table points us back to Jesus' initial victory: His death and resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father. But this Table also points us forward to the full consummation of Christ's triumph over sin, death, and the devil. King Jesus reigns over all things from heaven even now, and He invites us to come and feast with Him as we anticipate and participate in the glorious growth of the Kingdom of God on earth.

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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