

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Fifth Lord's Day of Epiphany

February 3, 2019

The Lord's Supper is one of the primary ways that God shows us that the gospel addresses us as whole persons. We are not strictly bodies (physical beings), nor are we merely souls (disembodied spirits). As one theologian put it, we are souls-in-bodies-in-community. The fall has damaged every aspect of our being, and so, in order to be good news, the gospel must address every aspect of what it means to be human.

Think of how significant the Lord's Supper is. Jesus could have told us all to go off by ourselves and find a secluded place to think about His death and resurrection. But instead, He gave us a communal meal: do this, eat this, drink this—together. Through this ordinary bread and wine, the Holy Spirit imparts us to all the blessings of Jesus' broken body and shed blood. As we partake of this physical food, the Spirit of God works in us and among us to form us into the body of Christ. In this feast, God strengthens and renews us as the family of God for mission and 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 our gracious God has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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