

Eucharistic Homily

Fifth Lord's Day in Lent

April 7, 2019

The prayer of the penitent Pharisee was the prayer of Psalm 51: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" But that was not the end of the story. Jesus tells us that the humble tax collector went home justified. He went home a forgiven man. He cried out for God's mercy, and God had mercy. He humbled himself, and God exalted Him.

In this Holy Communion, we celebrate the fact that we too have been forgiven. We too have been justified in union with Jesus. We too have been glorified and exalted so that we feast on the broken body and shed blood of Jesus by faith. Even though we still sin, we are counted as righteous for Christ's sake. God is pleased with us and invites to feast with Him at His Table as His beloved 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 our gracious God has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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