

Eucharistic Homily

Sixth Lord's Day in Lent

Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

Have you ever wondered why I say, "Do this as memorial" instead of "Do this in remembrance of me"? When we remember that the Lord's Supper is the fulfillment of the Passover meal, we gain some insight into what is happening in Holy Communion.

At the first Passover, the Israelites put the blood of the Lamb over the doors of their homes so that the angel would see the blood and spare them from judgment. Something very similar is happening when we celebrate the Lord's Supper. We don't just remember Jesus when we partake of this meal ("do this in remembrance of me"). We do remember Jesus, but we do more than that: we memorialize Jesus ("Do this as my memorial"). In this sacrament we are calling on God the Father to remember the sacrifice of Jesus for us on the cross and to bless us in accordance with what Jesus has done for us. It's as if we are putting the blood of Jesus over us as a church so that God will see it and be pleased to bless us. The Lord's Supper reminds who we are and what God has done for us, but, more importantly, the Lord's Supper reminds God the Father to have mercy on us and bless us for Jesus' sake.

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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