

# **Eucharistic Homily**

Third Lord's Day of Easter

May 5, 2019

The Lord's Supper reinforces one of the central lessons we learn from Jesus' miraculous feeding of the multitude: God specializes in doing a lot with a little. If you bring Jesus five loaves and two fish, He can feed thousands and still have some left over. What we need to realize is that God does something even more amazing for us each and every week.

Each week God takes ordinary bread and ordinary wine and gives it to us by the Spirit as the body and blood of Jesus. Nothing magical happens to this bread and wine, but the word of God and the Spirit of God work together as we share this meal so that we receive all the blessings of Christ's broken body and shed blood. As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11, the bread is communion in the body of Christ, and the cup is communion in the blood of Christ. As we feast on Christ by faith, this small bite of bread and this little swallow of wine grow and multiply in our lives so that the life of Jesus shines through us and is manifest in the way we live together as God's people.

And there are always leftovers. In this case, we are the leftovers. We receive the body of Christ, we are formed together as the body of Christ, and we are sent out to be the body of Christ in the world. We are called to a life of hospitality that reflects the hospitality of God seen most clearly at this Table.

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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