

# **Eucharistic Homily**

*Fourteenth Lord's Day after Pentecost*

*September 15, 2019*

One of David's remedies for sinful anger (Ps. 4) is to sacrifice righteous communion sacrifices, which is a reference to the peace offering of the Levitical law. Peace offerings were different from all the others because the worshipers got to eat holy food together in God's presence. This Holy Communion is the New Covenant version of the peace offering with one key difference: this is the real deal. In Christ by the Spirit, we are feasting on Christ Himself in the very presence of our heavenly Father.

We need not offer our own peace offerings, because Jesus is our peace. Because of Jesus' broken body and shed blood, we have peace with God. Because of Jesus' suffering and death, we have peace with our fellow believers. Jesus endured the righteous wrath of the Father against sin so that we could be forgiven. Jesus suffered and died in our place to give us His divine life.

The cross of Christ reveals just how petty and ridiculous our temper tantrums really are. What we try to get for ourselves through selfish anger is pitiful and pathetic compared to the extravagant blessings of our gracious heavenly Father. We have the promise of our loving heavenly Father that every blessing that is in Christ in heavenly places is now ours.

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 Father has provided for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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