

# **Eucharistic Homily**

*First Lord's Day of Epiphany*

*January 12, 2020*

When John stood on the banks of the Jordan River and declared Jesus to be the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, he did so in hope. Like so many prophets before Him, John announced God's salvation but never lived to see that salvation come to fruition. John fully believed in Jesus the Savior and Son of God, but he never lived to see Jesus suffer, die, and rise again victorious over sin, death, and hell.

This is why Jesus could say in Matthew 11 that "the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than [John]." When we come to the Lord's Table each and every week, we behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. But we do more than that: we commune in His broken body and shed blood and receive the life, peace, salvation, and glory of the crucified and risen Lamb. We don't merely behold the Lamb of God, we feast on the Lamb of God and rejoice in the victory He has won for us.

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

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