

Eucharistic Homily

First Lord's Day in Lent

March 1, 2020

The message of John 6 is deep and profound yet very simple: Whoever will receive the body and blood of Jesus in faith will receive His heavenly life.

Jesus laid down His life to give us life. Jesus gave His body to be broken so that we might be healed. Jesus poured out His blood in order to fill up the cup of the New Covenant. The invitation is open to any and all who will come to Jesus in humble faith: Come and feast on Jesus' new creation body and blood, and you will receive the new creation life of Jesus. Come receive heavenly life from Jesus at His table, so that the heavenly life of Jesus will abide in you. Only Jesus can quench your thirst. Only Jesus can satisfy your hunger. He is the bread of life.

But this food changes us. This food transforms us. Jesus fills us up with His life so that we can give our lives for others. Jesus fills us up with His grace and mercy so that we pour out our lives for the life of the world. The church is called to receive the broken body and shed blood of Jesus so that we will become the broken body and shed blood of Jesus for the world. We are called to give of ourselves for one another. We are called to sacrifice for the sake of the gospel. We are called to fight against sin, to stand against evil, and to die to ourselves.

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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