

Eucharistic Homily

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

Thomas refused to believe that Christ has been raised unless he saw in his hands the mark of the nails and placed his finger into the mark of the nails and placed his hand into his side. But when the Lord came and stood among them, pronouncing His peace, Thomas confessed his faith in the strongest terms possible: "My Lord and my God!" We don't even know if Thomas actually touched Jesus' scars or not. Even though Jesus invited him, my guess is that he didn't need to. The Lord's presence was all the proof he needed.

Here at the Table of the Lord, we do not handle the physical body and blood of the Lord. The bread remains bread and the wine remains wine. But at the invitation of Jesus, we receive by faith the body and blood of our risen Lord. We do not yet see Jesus face to face, but the Lord imparts to us all the benefits of His saving work and renews to us His promise of eternal life with Him in glory. So whenever your faith is weak or you're struggling with doubts, come to the Lord's Table and believe that Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

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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