

# **Eucharistic Homily**

*Seventh Lord's Day of Pentecost*

*July 19, 2020*

The Lord's Table reminds us, week in and week out, of the upside down wisdom of God that cuts against the wisdom of the world. God's wisdom often looks like folly. Living God's way often looks like a dead end. Walking in the way of God's wisdom often seems counterintuitive. Sometimes faithfulness seems pointless.

But this Lord's Supper shows us that the cross of Christ is the ultimate display of God's wisdom and the power of God for salvation. Jesus, who claimed to be the Son of God, hanging on the cross looked like the ultimate folly. Jesus' unwavering commitment to the Father looked like a dead end. It seemed like Jesus' faithfulness was all for nothing.

But this New Covenant feast impresses upon us the deep wisdom of God. Obedience is the pathway to freedom. Submission is the road to exaltation. Self-sacrifice is the doorway to abundant life. Humility is the prerequisite for glory. The same gracious Father who vindicated Christ Jesus by raising Him from the dead has raised us from spiritual death and will also raise our bodies to glorious, immortal life at the Last Day.

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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