

Eucharistic Homily

*Twentieth Lord's Day of Pentecost
October 18, 2020*

At the Lord's Table, we memorialize the death of Jesus for us. We call on the Father to bless us anew in accordance with Jesus' saving work for us. He perfectly fulfilled the Law of God. He made perfect atonement for our sins. He satisfied the wrath of God against sinners. He is our righteousness. In union with Jesus, the Father looks on us and sees His Son. That Father approves of us and welcomes us and blesses us only because we are in Christ.

But this meal is not only about what Jesus has already done for us. As we commune in the body and blood of Christ, we are strengthened and nourished and empowered by God's Spirit to produce the fruit of righteousness in our lives. Because we have been made right with God in Christ, we are enabled by God's Spirit to live righteously before God so that Jesus' life is formed in 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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