

Eucharistic Homily

*First Lord's Day after Epiphany
January 8, 2023*

Throughout the Bible, the wrath of God is described as a cup of wine that the wicked must drink (Ps. 75). Rev. 14 describes the Lord's judgment on His people as the Lord treading the bitter grapes of their sin in the winepress of judgment.

When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of His arrest, He prayed that the Father would let "this cup" pass from Him. The promise of the gospel is that Jesus willingly drank the cup of God's wrath down to the dregs in order to deliver all who trust in Him from the wrath of God.

But the good news doesn't end there. By his sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, Jesus has transformed the cup of God's wrath into a cup of blessing. By shedding His blood for the forgiveness of our sins, Jesus provides us with the new wine of His victorious kingdom.

Only the blood of Jesus can wash away your sins and make you clean. Only the blood of Jesus can give you peace with God and joy unspeakable and full of glory. Come in faith with thanksgiving to receive the bread of life and the cup of the New Covenant.

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