

Eucharistic Homily

Seventh Lord's Day after Epiphany

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One of the major questions in the book of Romans is how God's justice can be preserved when He justifies sinners. The justice of God demands that sinners receive the due penalty for their sins, so it would seem that God must compromise His perfect justice in order to let us off the hook.

But the good news of the gospel is that God is just and the justifier of those who trust in Jesus. Because Jesus is truly God and fully man yet without sin, Jesus is able to offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin as our representative. Because Jesus endured the full wrath of God for our sins, the infinite payment that was required of us has been paid in full through the death of our Savior. By faith, our unrighteousness is reckoned to Jesus' account, and Jesus' righteousness is reckoned to our account.

God's justice has been perfectly satisfied in Christ's death, which means that he doesn't harbor just a little bit of displeasure towards us. God doesn't keep us at arm's length or reluctantly let us in through the back door. God the Father welcomes us with joy. Our heavenly Father regards us with the same love and delight with which He regards Jesus.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live in obedience to Him, you are invited to partake of this feast that our gracious Father has prepared for us.

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