

Eucharistic Homily

Third Lord's Day of Easter

April 23, 2023

Have you ever wondered why I say something different than what it carved into the front of this—and every—Communion Table?

The traditional translation of Jesus' words of institution is "Do this in remembrance of me." That implies that we are to remember and think about Jesus when we partake of the Lord's Supper.

But this Holy Communion is a memorial meal. The rainbow was a memorial to remind God of His covenant promises (Gen. 9). The silver trumpets (Num. 10) served as a means by which the priests could call upon the Lord to come and demonstrate faithfulness to His covenant people.

And this memorial meal calls on God the Father to deal with us not on the basis of who we are but on the basis of Jesus' shed blood. We give thanks for the finished work of Christ, and we ask God to show His grace and shower His blessings on us, who are united to Christ by faith.

So, by all means, remember the death and resurrection of Christ for you. But more than that, come boldly before your heavenly Father with your requests and thanksgivings on the basis of Christ's atoning work for you.

If you've been baptized, then come feast with your Lord in faith and thanksgiving.

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