

Homily

Sunday 5 (C)

10 Feb '19

First Holy Communion preparation for Year 3 – The Last Supper

We are at the Last Supper. Jesus is giving himself, and completely. Jesus is sharing himself with us totally and completely: *“This is my body” ...“This is the cup of my blood”*. He holds nothing back.

*“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God of hosts  
his glory fills the whole earth.”*

A tiny wafer, a tiny sip of wine and yet, we are sharing in God himself.

This tiny wafer, this tiny sip of wine, is the very centre of the universe, the turning point of creation.

This tiny wafer, this tiny sip of wine fills the whole earth. This tiny wafer, this tiny sip of wine, is the power of God, the glory of God, the love of God made flesh.

*“What a wretched state I am in! I am lost for I am a man of unclean lips.” “Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man.”* Are we actually able to share in God, to eat his flesh, to drink his blood?

We don't think we are good enough.

And we would be right. We are not good enough. We can never be good enough.

*“Do not be afraid, from now on it is men you will catch.”* By sharing in Mass we are changing the world.

By eating that tiny wafer and drinking that tiny sip of wine we are becoming apostles and missionaries.

We are going out into the deep.

We are casting our nets.

Men and women, boys and girls will be caught up in this net of love.

Through us, through that tiny wafer, through that tiny sip of wine, the whole of humanity will be drawn into God's love, the whole of humanity will see those angels ascending and descending.

Christ is risen. He is here in our midst. Holy is he. Wretched am I. Cleanse me of my sin. May my sharing in this tiny wafer and tiny sip of wine bring me, together with my brothers and sisters everywhere into the peace of the Kingdom.

*“Here I am: send me.”*

Fr Michael