

COMMUNION RITES PART 2

A reminder of sacrifice

- ◆ Jesus is the sacrificial passover lamb
- ◆ Who died for our sins



Behold

Behold the Lamb of God,
God,

Behold him who takes
away the sin of the
world.

Blessed are those
called to the supper of
the Lamb.



Closer to the Latin

- ◆ Connected to John 1:29
- ◆ John the Baptist points out Jesus to his disciples
- ◆ The word 'Behold' invites us to gaze in prayer

**BEHOLD –
OBSERVE,
LOOK,
SEE,
REGARD**

Supper of the Lamb

- ◆ The word 'happy' has been changed to 'blessed'
- ◆ You may be blessed even when you are experiencing sorrow
- ◆ Blessed connects more with our call to holiness and the proclamation of Revelation 19:9
- ◆ The angel instructs John to write down the message
- ◆ Connects to the words of Jesus in the Gospel: It is a blessing for you when people persecute you.....rejoice and be glad

The Eucharist as a wedding feast

- ◆ The Marriage of the Lamb has come.....
- ◆ Fathers of the Church – union between Christ and the Church as a marriage bond
- ◆ A wedding feast is the ultimate banquet, most celebratory

Centurion's reply



Matthew 8:8

Luke 7:6

- ◆ Sir, I am not worthy to have you under my roof; just give the word and my servant will be cured
- ◆ Sir, do not put yourself to any trouble because I am not worthy to have you under my roof

2 Changes

- ◆ To receive becomes 'that you should enter under my roof'
- ◆ This makes a more direct connection with Matthew 8:8 and Luke 7:6
- ◆ The centurion feels unworthy to have Jesus in his home
- ◆ Jesus admires the man's faith and cures the servant from afar

Our healing

- ◆ We become like the centurion
- ◆ We are unworthy to have Jesus come to us
- ◆ We express our faith in him
- ◆ We reach out for healing
- ◆ We connect to the healing power of Christ in this great sacrament
- ◆ *Only say the word and my soul shall be healed*

Effects of Holy Communion

- ◆ Expands our union with Christ
- ◆ Preserves, increases and renews the life of grace in us
- ◆ Separates us from sin
- ◆ Strengthens our charity
- ◆ Unites, strengthens and deepens our bonds of love in the Church

HEALING

Reflection

- ◆ How do you imagine the Lamb of God?
- ◆ In what way have you or do you experience the healing presence of Christ in the eucharist?

The Risen Christ

On the feasts of the Lord,
when the faithful receive the Body of the Son,
they proclaim to one another the Good News
that the first fruits of life have been given,
as when the angel said to Mary Magdalene,
'Christ is risen!'

Now too are life and resurrection
conferred on whoever receives Christ.

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