

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Aug 24th 2012

Eating is both an animal and a human function: our animal nature is drawn up into a higher form of life where it is not destroyed but given a deeper and wider meaning. The still more extraordinary thing is that human life in turn is drawn up into a still higher form of life: the supernatural. Again, it is not destroyed by being so raised,

rather it is enriched and deepened, in such a way that the simplest things (like eating) can become symbols of the most sublime. Jesus compared the Kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast, and in the Eucharist everything we believe about God and Christ and our life's destiny is expressed in the form of a shared meal. It is common knowledge that a meal prepared by someone who loves you is different from a meal prepared without love.

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