

The Mystery of the Eucharist: The Bread of Life

Happy are those called to the supper of the Lord": the assembly which celebrates the Eucharist is rooted in this invitation which God addresses us....

...the initiative belongs directly to Jesus Christ. He comes to meet his friends and take his place in their midst to reveal his resurrection and share his life with them in the Word and the breaking of the Bread, as he once did for the disciples at Emmaus (Cf. Luke 24: 13-25)

Jesus Christ: Broken Bread for a new World

Come, for everything is ready now. Luke 14:17

Jesus said to them: "They need not go away". Matthew 14:16 (Feeding of the 5000)

I must be at you house today Luke 19:1-10 (Zacchaeus)

We shouldn't seek the ideal community. It is a question of loving those whom God has set beside us today. They are signs of God. We might have chosen different people....But these are the ones God has given us, the ones he has chosen for us. It is with them that we are called to create unity and live a covenant.

Jean Vanier

**Gather the folks
Break the bread
Tell the stories**

It is almost commonplace to say with Gerard Manley Hopkins, that "the world is charged with the grandeur of God" But do we mean it? Do we live it?

What if we had a way of celebrating **and** lamenting;

.....a way of bringing together our "superficiality, stupidity and insufficiency" **and** our capacity for "dedication, faithfulness unto death, and joy";

.....a way of including our fighting and hating **and** our loving and meeting?

What if we had a way of naming and offering our life (together with the whole community of creation) as a means of hope?

When Jesus broke bread he imagined such a possibility.

When Jesus offered the Kingdom or Reign of God, he was offering such a possibility.

When he broke bread and spoke of the Reign of God, he was offering an attractive, imaginative and alternative reality.

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