

## **The Pure Sacrifice of Praise to The Father is The Son**

### **Columbus and his men received The Sacraments before sailing in 1492:**

History records that, in 1492 AD, "...Before leaving, [Christopher] Columbus received The Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist, at the hands (it is stated) of Father Juan Perez, the officers and crews of the little squadron following his example..."<sup>1</sup> Why?

Because The Precious Body of JESUS CHRIST is The Unblemished Lamb of GOD that provides us - His people The faithful Church - The Perfect Perpetual Sin Offering that takes our place, offering payment and forgiveness of our sins before The Almighty. Patriarch Abraham foresaw this:

### **GENESIS 22:7-8 – GOD provides The Sacrifice on our behalf**

7 Isaac spoke to his father Abraham. "Father!" he said. "Here I am," he replied. Isaac continued, "Here are the fire and the wood, but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?"

8 My son," Abraham answered, "GOD will provide the sheep for the burnt offering..."<sup>2</sup>

The LORD desires that no man should perish, but dwell with Him in Eternal Glory, in part in this life, and in full in Heaven forever. So Patriarch Moses, as The LORD directed him, prepared the ancient Israelites with escape from physical darkness and death in the slavery of Egypt.

The Precious Blood of JESUS CHRIST is The Blood of The Lamb upon the doorposts and lintels of our souls, that Judgment may Pass Over us, delivering us from eternal darkness and death in the slavery of sin. As Moses records:

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<sup>1</sup> "Christopher Columbus – Explorer." F. Bandelier. Catholic Answers Encyclopedia, para 5. Catholic Encyclopedia, 1905-1912.

<https://www.catholic.com/encyclopedia/christopher-columbus>

<sup>2</sup> NABRE, GENESIS 22:7-8.

**EXODUS 12:21-23 – The Blood of The Lamb upon our souls**

21 Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, “Go and procure lambs for your families, and slaughter the Passover victims.  
22 Then take a bunch of hyssop, and dipping it in the blood that is in the basin, apply some of this blood to the lintel and the two doorposts...  
23 For when The LORD goes by to strike down the Egyptians, seeing the blood on the lintel and the two doorposts, The LORD will pass over that door and not let The Destroyer come into your houses to strike you down. <sup>3</sup>

So The Son of GOD Incarnate, The Son of Man, fully GOD and fully Man, but without sin, reveals Himself – by The Might of The HOLY SPIRIT – to be for us. So our Redeemer reveals Himself to us, as Saint John The Apostle records:

**JOHN 6:35 – The Bread of Life Given Up for Us**

JESUS said to them, “I AM The Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst. <sup>4</sup>

Now would our Savior leave us without Means to have Communion with Him in this life after His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension to Heaven. On the night of The Passover, foreseeing His Own obedience to Providence’s Call to become The Divine Offering to redeem mankind at The Cross, He instituted The Holy Sacrament of The Altar, The Eucharist. So Saint Matthew The Apostle records:

**MATTHEW 26:26-28 – The Institution at The Last Supper Passover Meal**

26 While they were eating, JESUS took Bread, said the blessing, broke It, and giving It to his disciples said, “Take and eat; This is My Body.”  
27 Then He took a Cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from It, all of you,  
28 for This is My Blood of The [New] Covenant, Which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> NABRE, EXODUS 12:21-23.

<sup>4</sup> NABRE, JOHN 6:35.

<sup>5</sup> NABRE, MATTHEW 26:26-28. See also MARK 14:22-24; LUKE 22:13-20.

Indeed, our Catechism of The Catholic Church lays out for us why we should hunger for Holy Communion with GOD and one another, within The faithful Church in This Sacrament, validly given from the hands of our Priests, who act “IN PERSONA CHRISTI” at the altar of The Mass, “In The Person of CHRIST” for us:

**Catechism of The Catholic Church on The Holy Eucharist # 1323**

“At The Last Supper, on the night He was betrayed, our Savior instituted The Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. This He did in order to perpetuate The Sacrifice of The Cross throughout the ages until He should come again, and so to entrust to His Beloved Spouse, The Church, a Memorial of His Death and Resurrection: a Sacrament of Love, a Sign of Unity, a Bond of Charity, a... [Passover] Banquet 'in which CHRIST is consumed, the mind is filled with Grace, and a Pledge of Future Glory is given to us.”<sup>6</sup>

In conclusion, is it any wonder then, that Christopher Columbus, that humble and brave Catholic layman son of The Church - a Third Order Franciscan – should so desire that he and all his men in his little fleet of wooden ships, before sailing off into the unknown parts of the globe further than any man had to that time gone, receive The Most Holy Sacrament of The Altar, The Eucharist – The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST?

And in preparing each day to sail through whatever waters of life – through the storms and the placid seas of our days on earth – should we not also seek This Closest Communion with GOD The Father, Son and Holy Ghost in The Bread of Life ~ The Most Holy Eucharist? AMEN!

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<sup>6</sup> CCC # 1323. See entire Article 3, “The Sacrament of The Eucharist,” # 1322 – 1419.