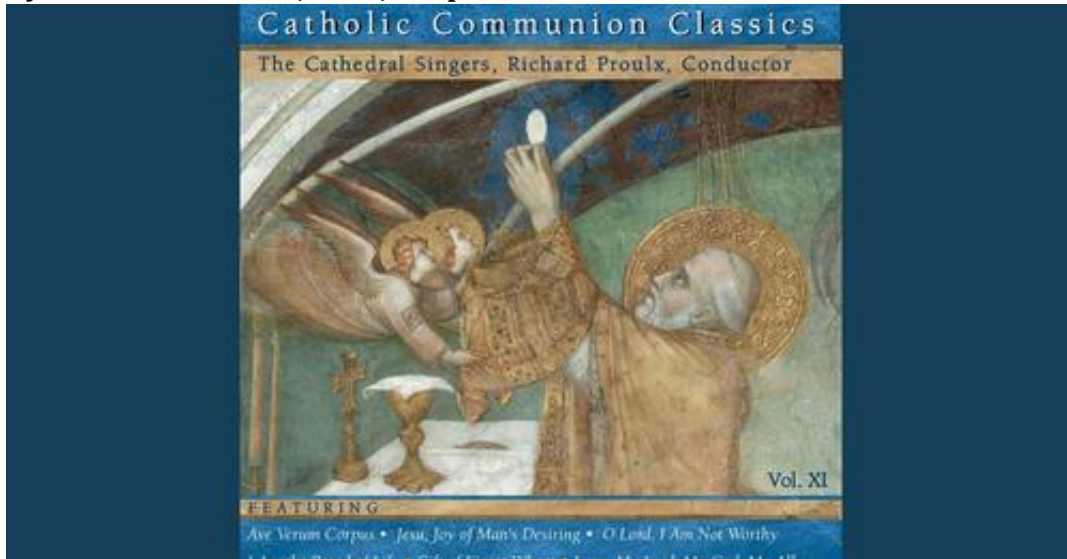


a devotion, JESUS CHRIST, Bread of Life, come down from Heaven  
by Blessed Father Jean-Joseph Lataste, OP



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In their weariness, The LORD sent manna from Heaven to sustain the ancient Israelites in the desert as they followed His Presence to The Promised Land of earthly liberty to worship and serve Him alone in partial joy:

"The True Food and Drink Which CHRIST gives us in Himself leads us out of the deserts where weakness saps our will and gives us strength to pursue the road to eternal life on the mountain of GOD, The Heavenly Jerusalem.

JESUS silences the murmurers by saying, "No one can come to Me unless The Father Who sent Me draw him." What does it mean to "listen to The Father?" It means being "imitators of GOD, as beloved children, and living in love."

What the doubters in The Gospel find so far-fetched - "I AM The Living Bread that came down from Heaven" - is exactly what The Father's Love makes possible, just as Elijah is rescued from starvation by miraculous food and drink.

"CHRIST loved us" by handing Himself over for us "as a Sacrificial Offering" that we might "tase and see The Goodness of The LORD."\*

I KINGS 19:4-8

4 But he [Elijah] himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of The LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of GOD.

In The Most Holy Communion consecrated by GOD's Priests in The faithful remnant Church, JESUS CHRIST sustains us in our life journeys as He leads us to The Eternal Promised Land Above to worship and serve Him alone in perfect joy:

"In The Holy Eucharist, our Lord is not [only] The Master Who commands; He is not [only] The King Who gives orders and Whom we cannot resist without incurring penalty.

He is a Friend, a Friend Who loves us madly from all eternity; a Friend Who since our [conception and] birth has never ceased pursuing us with His Love, crying out: "My child, My brother, give Me your heart!"

He is a devoted Friend Who has extended His arms for long years without becoming discouraged by our indifference and our refusal; for all that, a Friend Who can expect nothing from us, from Whom we hold everything,

Who still prepares us for Gifts without number, so that finally He will introduce us into His Kingdom, give us a share in His Glory and His Eternity, allow us to sit by His side, open His [Sacred] Heart to us, and unite us to Himself so closely that, according to His Own Words, we become One with Him, just as He and The Heavenly Father are One...!" \*

JOHN 6:41-51

41 The Jews then murmured at Him, because He said, I AM The Bread which came down from Heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this JESUS, The Son of Joseph, Whose father and mother we know? how is it then that He saith, I came down from Heaven?

43 JESUS therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to Me, except The Father Which hath sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of GOD. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of The Father, cometh unto Me.

46 Not that any man hath seen The Father, save He Which is of GOD, He hath seen The Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life.

48 I AM That Bread of Life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is The Bread Which cometh down from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I AM The Living Bread Which came down from Heaven: if any man eat of This Bread, he shall live for ever: and The Bread that I will give is My Flesh, Which I will give for the life of the world.

meditation, "For the Life of the World."

\*["Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time." The Magnificat, 8/08/2021. Commentary, p 110. Meditation of the Day, "For the Life of the World." Blessed Father Jean-Joseph Lataste, OP, p 114, para 1. "Fr. Lataste (died 1869 AD) was a French Dominican Priest who, after preaching a retreat to women in prison, founded the Dominican Sisters of Bethany."]