

How are we to understand God's lavish banquet, Isaiah describes in these days of restricted gatherings? Perhaps we might see, by way of contrast, the great abundance and tender care God bestows. Isaiah tells us that on a mountain The Lord of hosts will provide. We see mountains and we know how majestic they reach above, pulling the earth and all upon towards the heavens. Crowds follow Jesus up mountains to be healed, and quickly they are. Moreover, the movement takes people from Healing to another wonderful meal. Thousands fed to their hearts content with leftovers for the next day.

Brothers and Sisters, we will gather again physically in great numbers once this pandemic subsides, but until then we must count ourselves among those in need of healing. Healing will come and the feast will follow. We have God's promise. As much as Advent intends to prepare for Christmas, we should want to see clearly this year the need to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Amen