



Come, Let Us Eat Together: Sacraments and Christian Unity
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The Sacraments: A Continued Source of Division in the Church

Based on the lectures from the 2017 Wheaton Theology Conference, *Come, Let Us Eat Together*, the latest volume in the series of the same name from IVP Academic, brings together the reflections of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox theologians, who jointly consider what it means to proclaim the unity of the body of Christ in light of the sacraments.

“In light of the anniversary of the Reformation, we thought it important to address a key area of continued division in the Church: the sacraments,” said volume editor Marc Cortez. “The Eucharist in particular remains a point of division not just between Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant churches, but even within Protestantism. Consequently, we wanted to bring voices from a variety of Christian traditions to reflect together on what Christian unity in this area might mean and whether it is even possible.”

Come, Let Us Eat Together examines several key questions:

- What is sacramental unity?
- Is sacramental unity possible today?
- What might we do today to move toward sacramental unity?

Representing a range of perspectives and views, the contributing essays look at sacramental unity through the lens of those questions. Contributors and topics include:

- Amy Peeler: The Supper of the Lord: Goodness and Grace in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- D. Zac Niringiye: Churches and the Politics of the Sacraments: Rethinking “Unity of the Church”
- Thomas G. Weinandy: *In Persona Christi*: The Catholic Understanding of the Ordained Priesthood in Relation to the Eucharist
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- Cherith Fee Nordling: Ascension, Communion, and the Hospitality of the Priest-King
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- Katherine Sonderegger: Christ the *Ursakrament*
- Matthew J. Milliner: Visual Ecumenism: The Coy Communion of Art
- Matthew Levering: The Eucharist, the Risen Lord, and the Road to Emmaus: A Road to Deeper Unity?
- Paul L. Gavrilyuk: The Eschatological Dimension of Sacramental Unity: An Orthodox Christian View
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“Nowhere does the evil of division come to the fore more poignantly than in the celebration of unity at the Eucharistic table,” said Hans Boersma of Regent College. “This volume’s plea to ‘come’ and ‘eat together’ calls on believers East and West, Catholic and Protestant, to refuse to accommodate our empirical divisions. George Kalantzis and Marc Cortez place us in their debt with a volume of essays that represents a dialogue that is honest, rigorous, and open, yet conducted in the recognition that we belong together at the Table of the Lord.”