

FATHER BRENNAN TALKS
TONIGHT AT 7 & 7:30
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FRIDAY IS 1st FRIDAY
MONTH'S MIND IN MAIN
CHURCH FOR WM. MADEL.

How Would King David Have Sung
Of Our Lord In The Blessed Sacrament?

David lived centuries before Our Blessed Lord's time on earth. He had no inkling of the intimacy Christians would one day enjoy with their God Incarnate---truly, really and substantially present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Yet, toward the one, true God---invisible and intangible, entirely escaping his senses---David was irresistibly drawn; even drawn into rapture. Read the 41st Psalm:

As the hart panteth after the running brooks,
So panteth my soul after Thee, O God!
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God;
When shall I come and appear before the face of God?
My tears are my food day and night,
Because continually they say to me: "Where is thy God?"
These things I remember,
And I pour out my soul within me--
How I journeyed to the wondrous tabernacle, the house of God,
Singing songs of joy and praise in festive celebration.

Why art thou sad, O my soul?
And why dost thou trouble me?
Hope in God;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The salvation of my countenance,
And my God.

My soul is troubled within me;
Therefore do I remember Thee in the land of the Jordan
And on the little hill of the Hermon range.
Deep calleth unto deep at the thunder of Thy floodgates;
All Thy waves and all Thy billows pass over me.
In the daytime the Lord commandeth His mercy;
In the nighttime His song of praise is with me,
Even a prayer to the God of my life.
I will say to God: "Thou art my rock!"
Why hast Thou forgotten me,
And why go I about in sorrow
While my enemies persecute me?
My bones are broken when my enemies reproach me;
Day by day they say to me: "Where is thy God?"

Why art thou sad, O my soul?
And why dost thou trouble me?
Hope in God;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The salvation of my countenance,
And my God.

Imagine how David would have acclaimed the Real Presence! Can you picture the inspired king remaining aloof from Adoration? Can you see him lying in bed during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Staying long weeks away from Holy Communion? Hiding out in his room during Benediction?

Ever since Washington's Birthday, your participation in Mass and your reception of Holy Communion have been conspicuously lacking the faith and ardor of holy King David.

PRAYERS: (DECEASED) father of Leo Hofschneider '36; Mrs. C.A. Teifer; (7th anniv) bro. of Bill Cannon (Fresh); mother of Gil Augustine '32; grandfather of Jack Hillenbrand.