



The Eucharistic Revival The Eucharist, did you know?

If God is invisible, how do we experience God's presence?

Perhaps Pope Benedict XVI can be our guide here. In his encyclical *On Christian Love* (2005), he explains that while it is true that "no one has ever seen God as God is, yet God is not totally invisible to us; God does not remain completely inaccessible. God has become visible in Jesus. God is also visible in a number of ways. In the love story recounted by the Bible, God comes towards us and seeks to win our hearts."

The religion of the Bible is always dominated by the experience, the memory or the hope of the divine presence.

We know about God's presence with us through the biblical story of salvation- God's efforts to be with us so that the relationship between God and ourselves that was established at creation, and then broken down through sin, could be restored. Through this story, we learn of God's desire for a covenant community in which all who believe and dedicate themselves to God and to God's ways can live as God wanted from the beginning. Used with permission from *God's Real Presence*, by Steve Mueller.

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