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Brian: Welcome to the Queer Theology podcast!

Fr. Shay: Where each episode, we take a queer look at the week's lectionary readings. We're the cofounders of QueerTheology.com and the hosts for this podcast. I'm Father Shay Kearns —

B: And I'm Brian G. Murphy. Hello and welcome back to the Queer Theology podcast! We've been on a little bit of a break so we're excited to be back in your ears, talking about the Bible in all sorts of queer ways, Today we're looking at the lectionary text for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> [2017]. We're going to be looking at 1 Corinthians 12:12-13. I'm going to read it to you right now.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.” [NIV]

Okay, Shay. Give me your queer perspective on this.

FS: Yeah, I think this is such a beautiful passage, right? It's all about diversity. As queer folks, there's been – for good reason – more talk about diversity within the queer community in the last couple of years. Mostly because, you know, white folks and cis folks and men have been kind of taking up a lot of space. [laughs] There's been righteous push-back against that, about figuring out ways to really honor the diversity of the queer community. I think that's really beautiful and I think that this passage – obviously it's about the church, but I think that there's something here for queer folks too, and for queer folks who follow Jesus to really honor the diversity – both of the different religious traditions that we all come from, the ways that we pursue following in the way of Jesus, but then also creating more space for people to own all of their identities and to be in community with one another.

B: For me, I think what sticks out is that this passage reminds us that we're one body, but also we have many parts. It's not saying that we're all the same, it's saying that we are different and those differences are important. They're integral, they're necessary, because together we form one body. I think it's important to

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not gloss over the differences between different people, different communities, different identities, and try and make them all the same. I like the analogy, like, rather than being a melting pot, we're a tossed salad. [laughs] It doesn't all become one homogenous, same thing. We retain our unique identities and those identities are important to us, and together we form one body.

[outro music plays]

B: The Queer Theology podcast is just one of many things that we do at QueerTheology.com, which provides resources, community and inspiration for LGBTQ Christians and straight cisgender supporters.

FS: To dive into more of the action, visit us at QueerTheology.com. You can also connect with us online on Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Instagram.

B: We'll see you next week.

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