

A Communion for the Church Family

[At the close of a Family Service]



WE REMEMBER

Jesus told us to remember him by acting the story of his last supper with his disciples. Listen to what happened.

Two of Jesus' disciples went to an upstairs room in Jerusalem to prepare a supper for Jesus. It was the time of the Jewish Passover festival.

In the evening Jesus and his disciples met in the upstairs room for the supper. While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread and said a prayer of thanks. Then he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples. As he did, he said to them, 'Take this bread and eat it; this is my body which is given for you.' Then he took a cup of wine and thanked God for that too. He passed the cup around his disciples for them all to drink from it. As they drank he said to them, 'This is my blood which is poured out for many people for their sins to be forgiven. Do this to remember me.'

WE SAY THANK YOU

At his last supper with his disciples, Jesus gave thanks to God. It was like saying a grace prayer before a meal. So we say thank you.

Thank you, God our Father.

You made the whole universe. You made people to be like yourself.

Thank you, God our Father.

When people spoiled your world and did not keep your laws; you did not stop loving us. You loved us so much that you sent Jesus to save us and to heal our world.

Thank you, God our Father.

Jesus was like us in every way, except that he did nothing wrong. He lived like us and taught us about your love by his words and actions

Thank you, God our Father.

Jesus died on the Cross, but you raised him up so that he could be alive with us for ever.

Thank you, God our Father.

Through Jesus you have given us your Holy Spirit to live in our hearts and to make us your Church family.

Thank you, God our Father.



WE SHARE THE BREAD AND WINE

At his last supper in Jerusalem, Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples and told them that just like eating bread and drinking wine he wanted us to let his love fill our hearts so that we grow to be more like him. And so we come to the table to take the bread and wine [or to receive a blessing] and ask Jesus to fill us with his love - with the Holy Spirit.

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WE GO OUT

When the supper was over, Jesus and his disciples went out of the room. Soon after that Jesus was put on trial and then died on a cross while his friends ran away. But then came Jesus' resurrection and his disciples knew he was alive and would be with them always. No-one could ever take his love away from their hearts.

So we go out to live our everyday lives loving him and loving other people for him.

Thank you Jesus, for your love.

Thank you for being with us always.

Go with us now to be our helper and our friend

in all the difficult times we may face

and in all the happy moments of our lives.

BLESSING