

The Celebration Of
The Eucharist



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Dearly beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Our most merciful God and compassionate Father, knowing our infirmity - - how prone we are to forget him, and the Love the Lord manifested to us in the bitter sufferings of his Son for us; how destitute of spiritual life we are in ourselves; how weak our graces, hath in his infinite wisdom and abundant goodness to us, instituted visible signs of communion with us and commanded us in a pure heart unfeignedly to come up thereunto.

For

Our Lord Jesus Christ that same night in which he was betrayed took bread and having separated it from a common to an extraordinary, a spiritual and sacramentall, He blessed it. Agreeable to the institution, command and example of Christ this element (laying a hand upon Bread or taking up a platter in which it is placed) otherwise ordinary and common is to be separated to an holy use and sanctified to the Holy end and purposes of it by the word of institution and prayer.

Let us Pray

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When Our Lord had bless'd the bread, he broke it - - (proceeding to the breaking say) And now the bread which we break is it not the communion of the body of Christ broken for us?

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And when he had broken it he gave it to his Disciples and said unto them, Take eat, this is my body which is broken for you. In like manner by the command of Christ, beloved, I give this unto you. Receive ye and eat ye all of it.

Bread: This is his body which was broken for you on the cross. This do, feeding on him by faith and in a humble and reverent, in a loving, thankfull and obedient remembrance of him.

For the cup

After the same manner also he took the cup (at the same time taking hold of a Chalice, tankard, or flaggon) and having separated it as the former He gave thanks.

Let us imitate so blessed a pattern

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And when our Lord had given thanks he gave it to them saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Drink ye all of it. This do ye as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me.

Which as he gave it to his disciples so by His special warrant and prayer, dearly beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ, I give it unto you. The cup of blessing which we bless is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? Receive ye and drink ye all of it with devout and suitable affections; for as oft as ye drink it ye do show forth the Lord's death until he come.

After this they sung an hymn

The benediction (Hebrews 13: 20-21)

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