

Lent 2014 Bible Studies: Matthew 26

25th March: 'Remembering Jesus'

The Institution of the Lord's Supper

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take, eat; this is my body.' ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.' ³⁰When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Opening Prayer

God our Father,
as we open the scriptures,
open our minds that we may know the wonder of your grace,
and open our hearts to receive the mystery of your love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

"Take, eat; this is my body."

- In what ways do we remember people?
- Why is the Mass an important way to remember Jesus?
- How does 'remembrance' take on a different meaning when it comes to Jesus and the Mass?

"...this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

- How do understand the idea of a 'covenant'?
- How do we understand the 'forgiveness of sins'?

"I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

- What is 'my Father's kingdom'?
- How do we relate to the idea of participating in what Jesus promises?
- Is there a link between the Mass and 'my Father's kingdom'?

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‘Remembering Jesus’ – Act of Worship

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.

Silence is kept, while we call to mind our sins.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood.
Forgive us when we have failed to honour you in your sacrament.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you poured out your blood for the forgiveness of sins.
Forgive us when we have failed to give thanks for your sacrifice.
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.
Forgive us when we have failed to hope for the eternal life you promise.
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

READING: Matthew 26.26-30

HYMN

**1. Once, only once, and once for all,
his precious life he gave;
before the cross in faith we fall,
and own it strong to save.**

**2. “One offering, single and complete,”
with lips and hearts we say;
but what he never can repeat
he shows forth day by day.**

**3. For as the priest of Aaron’s line
within the holiest stood,
and sprinkled all the mercy shrine
with sacrificial blood;**

**4. So he, who once atonement wrought,
our Priest of endless power,
presents himself for those he bought
in that dark noontide hour.**

**5. His manhood pleads where now it lives
on heaven’s eternal throne,
and where in mystic rite he gives
its presence to his own.**

**6. And so we show thy death, O Lord,
till thou again appear,
and feel, when we approach thy board,
we have an altar here.**

PRAYERS are offered, concluding with the Lord’s Prayer.

BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**