

Servants' Quarters Fellowship  
 Home Lord's Supper  
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## INTRODUCTION-

Jesus inaugurated what we call "the Lord's supper" at the Passover meal before his arrest, trial, and crucifixion. This symbolic recognition of Jesus' pierced body and poured blood serve as an anchor of the Christian faith, and as an act that ties the whole of the Old Testament to the whole of the New Testament.

The Lord's supper and baptism are historically seen as the two ordinances of the Christian Church. I (Pastor David) see Jesus' actions at this supper as defining a third ordinance of the Church. It is the ordinance of service (His act of foot washing.) The ordinances of the Church are typically carried out by the Church as an act of corporate worship. However, Jesus said, "(Matt 18:20) For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." I (Pastor David) understand it to be totally appropriate for these ordinances to be meaningfully carried out in smaller groups. In fact, the Lord's supper could be carried out meaningfully when no one else is around. Therefore, as we experience being sheltered at home during this corona virus pandemic, I think it would be meaningful, especially at the Easter season of the year, for our homes to observe the Lord's supper while understanding the totality of the spiritual issues emphasized by Christ with his disciples.

## LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVANCE-

A reverent event.

You do not have to have grape juice and crackers as Churches normally do.

If you will notice, Jesus used what was at hand to picture his body pierced, His blood poured, and His act of service to others (the towel.)

I (Pastor David) suggest as a part of any meal, that you simply. . .

Take any item of food and break it while sharing that this is symbolic of Christ's body broken for us.

### BODY PIERCED

Matt 26:26. . . 26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Take any liquid and share that this is symbolic of Christ's blood poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

### BLOOD POURED

Matt 26:27-28. . . 27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. NIV

Share that the act of passing these elements one to another symbolizes the act of service (Christ's towel activity.)

### BOWING PARTICIPATION

John 13:1-5

1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. 2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. NIV

Share that our remembrance of Christ's sacrifice and service helps us to become the child of God we need to be.

### BECOMING PART

John 1:12-13. . . 12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to **become** children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. NIV

Follow this with a brief prayer of remembrance and Thanksgiving and you will have a meaningful time of spiritual worship.

God's highest to you as you successfully and meaningfully worship at home.

Pastor David