



Understanding the
LORD'S SUPPER?

Luke 22:7-22

What Is The Mission of This Church?

**WE EXIST TO GLORIFY GOD AND
ADVANCE THE GOSPEL
THROUGH
WORSHIP, TEACHING,
ACTS OF LOVE, AND DEEDS OF FAITH.**

Luke 22:7-22 (CSV)

Then the Day of Unleavened Bread came when the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

“Where do you want us to prepare it?” they asked him.

“Listen,” he said to them, “when you’ve entered the city, a man carrying a water jug will meet you. Follow him into the house he enters. Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover with my disciples?’” Then he will show you a large, furnished room upstairs. Make the preparations there.”

So they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, he reclined at the table, and the apostles with him. Then he said to them, “I have fervently desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he said, “Take this and share it among yourselves. For I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

And he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But look, the hand of the one betraying me is at the table with me. For the Son of Man will go away as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!”

Understanding the Lord's Supper

- Passover
 - A memorial of past deliverance from slavery in Egypt
- The Lord's Supper
 - A memorial of delivery from the slavery of sin

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- ## The Early Church

Acts 2:42-47 (CSB)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer.

Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number[!] those who were being saved.

Layers of Meaning

- A Memorial
- A Testimony

1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- The *Lord's* Supper

Layers of Meaning

- Communion
 - “intimate fellowship or rapport”
 - “Common”, “Union”

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (CSB)

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, since all of us share the one bread.

Layers of Meaning

- Thanksgiving
 - “Eucharist” = Gratitude, Thankfulness

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

The Elements

- Bread
- Wine

The “Regulative Principle of Worship”

“The Regulative Principle of Worship holds that we worship God in the manner He has commanded us in His Word.”

Welcome to a Reformed Church: A Guide for Pilgrims by Daniel R. Hyde.

“The acceptable way of worshipping the true God has been instituted by himself and delimited by his own revealed will. He may not be worshipped according to human imagination or methods, nor according to the suggestions of Satan, nor by way of any visible representation, nor by any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.”

1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith

Who Should Participate?

All true believers and followers of Christ who have been baptized into the universal Church and are not under discipline of their home church are eligible to join in the Communion Table.