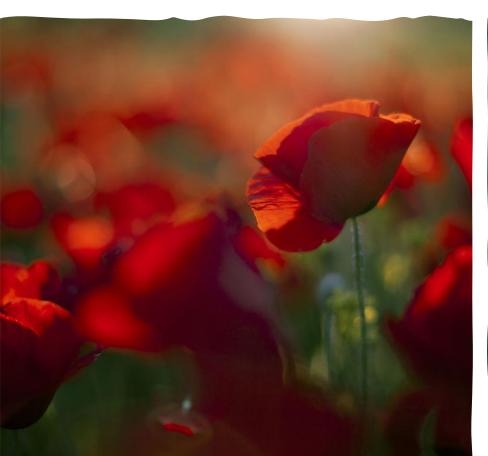
Remembrance Sunday

Forgetfulness











The men of Ephraim, though armed with bows, turned back on the day of battle; They did not keep God's covenant and refused to live by his law. They forgot what he had done, the wonders he had shown them.

Psalm 78: 9-11

We are reminded that... But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10



We come to this table with thankful hearts. Why do we give thanks at this table?

We give thanks because God has invited us here! All God's children are invited to the Lord's supper. We come humbly to the table, knowing that we have not earned our way here, but are invited, guests at this feast of love.

Why do we eat at this table?

We eat at this table to remember that on the night before Jesus died, he ate with his friends. Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me."

We take the cup with thankful hearts.

Why do we drink at this table? We drink because that same night Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends saying, "Drink this cup. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

What do we remember at this table?

We remember Jesus' birth and his presence as God with us. We remember Jesus' life and his love. We remember Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. We remember the resurrection and the promise of life. We remember that we are waiting in hope to see Jesus again.

Let us pray:

God of grace, give us repentant hearts, forgiving hearts, clean hearts. With thanksgiving, we come to your table. Lord Jesus Christ, Present with us now, for all that you have done And all that you have promised what have we to offer?

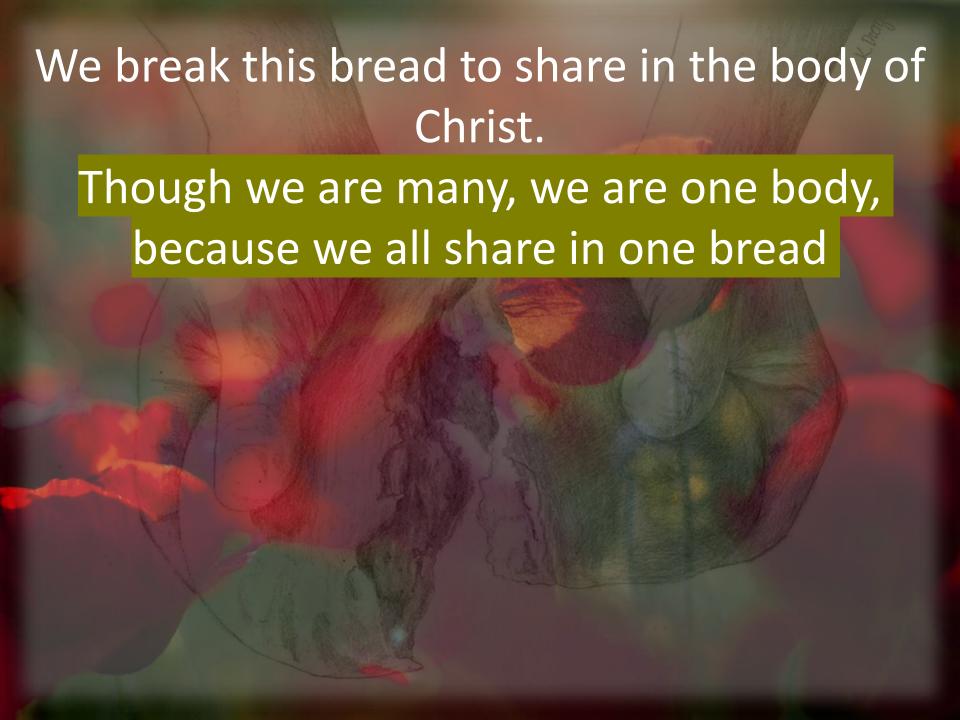
Our hands are empty,
Our hearts are sometimes full of wrong
things.

We are not fit to gather up crumbs from under your table.

But with you is mercy and the power to change us.

So as we do in this place what you did in the upper room

Send down your Holy Spirit on us and on those gifts of bread and wine. That they become for us your body, healing and forgiving, making us whole; and that we may become, for you, Your body. Loving and caring in the world Until your kingdom comes.





Let us pray together: Thank you for inviting us to this banquet! we have eaten the bread of heaven. God is the one who will transform us so that we can see with Jesus' eyes, hear with Jesus' ears, speak with Jesus' mouth; so that we can be the body of Christ in the world, proclaiming the good news of God's reign. Come Lord Jesus! Amen.