

The Lord's Supper

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1 Melody G D/F# Em7

treble
bass

You hum- bled Your self O Lord even though You are a king but You
Lord You have pro- vid- ed all that we will e- ver need firm from the
Lord You have re- leased my soul from the chains that held me by the

5 C F#dim/C C G/D C/E D/F# G

showed that You loved- us and You pro- mised the kingdom of Hea- ven
food and drink that Sav- i need iour to the hope of the coming of Je- sus
blood of the the Lamb of God purchased salvation for us

9 G F#sus4 Em7 D Bm Bm7/A D/G A

Lord we are Your ser- vants break us mold us to Your i- mage
Lord You are the bread of life of God the body takes that the died 'stead of ours
Lord You are the Lamb of God which takes that the sin of the world

13 G D/F# Em7 C

Lord Lord as we wash eat each other's feet
Lord Lord as we eat drink of this of this bread
Lord Lord as we drink of this of this wine

Let us be
Let us re-
Let us for

17 D C/E D/F# Am7/G G

cleansed new by Your Ho- ly Spi- rit
give give our con- as We've been for- give give you
give give as We've been for- give give you

Song origins: this is one of the first songs I ever wrote. I simply wanted to write about this ritual that all Christians partake of: The Lord's Supper. It is given different names by different denominations: Eucharist, Mass, Communion.

School of grace:

The disciples are asked to prepare for the Passover. They are in a buoyant mood. Why, just last Sunday Jesus had ridden on a donkey like a true 'King'. Now, he was asking them to plan the most important meal of the year. They were expecting that Jesus would finally show Himself, getting rid of the Roman oppressors and making them the new religious authorities.

They finally gathered that evening for the meal. Everyone is relaxed. They are chatting to each other. But what is happening?

Jesus has got down and has begun washing the disciples feet. Wasn't there a servant in the house that should be doing that? Hadn't they all cleansed their feet when they came in?

Servanthood is no merely doing what we like when we like. It is giving everything up for another. One just can't be a servant for a short period. It is a permanent attitude. It seeks to help others. It doesn't care about honor, or the cost to self. After 3 years, the disciples were still not getting it. They longed for the perks that come with authority. They wanted to own the servants, not be the servants. They wanted to command others to do the right thing, not to do the right thing themselves.

Jesus then cut the bread and gave it to them. "This is my body." Why do we need Jesus body? What is going on here?

We need to eat Jesus not just once or every so often. It is something we need to 'eat' daily. Just like we eat food daily, so we need to feed on the grace of God. For it is every day that we need grace. It is something we continually need.

Finally, the wine comes out. Surely Jesus would become more celebratory now? Wouldn't he stop to thank God now? But Jesus puts a whole dampener on the evening by saying this is His blood. Blood!

The disciples were hoping for the promised Messiah to remove all their burdens and problems. Jesus was not doing that. He seemed to be adding to them. But then His mission was not to remove our problems but to deal with our core problem—sin.

His blood was shed like the Passover Lamb. It was shed like so many other criminals had lost blood hanging on a cross. His blood was given so that it could go on our doorway, so that God would pass-over our sin.

3 simple acts.

3 profound messages

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**You humbled Yourself O Lord
Even though You are a King
But You showed that You loved us
And You promised the Kingdom of Heaven
Lord we are Your servants
Break us mold us to You image
Lord as we wash each other's feet
Let us be cleansed by Your Holy Spirit**

**Lord You have provided all that will ever need
From the food and drink that we need
To the hope of the coming of Jesus
Lord You are the Bread of life
The body that died 'stead of ours
Lord as we eat of this bread
Let us renew our confession of You**

**Lord You have released our souls
From the chains that held us firm
By the blood of the Saviour
You have purchased salvation for us
Lord You are the Lamb of God
Which takes the sin of the world
Lord as we drink of this wine
Let us forgive as we've been forgiven**