

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – Luke 22:14-23**

***Do This In Remembrance Of Me***

**WELCOME:**

- Do you, or your family, have any customs or rituals that remind you of something significant?
- If so please explain how/why it reminds you.

**WORSHIP:** *Sing or read this well known hymn together:*

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| 1. When I survey the wondrous cross<br>on which the Prince of Glory died;<br>my richest gain I count but loss,<br>and pour contempt on all my pride.          | 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,<br>sorrow and love flow mingled down.<br>Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,<br>or thorns compose so rich a crown. |
| 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,<br>save in the death of Christ, my God;<br>all the vain things that charm me most,<br>I sacrifice them to his blood. | 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine<br>that were an offering far too small;<br>love so amazing, so divine,<br>demands my soul, my life, my all.             |

**WORD:**

- Read **Exodus 12:24-27a**
- Why was it important for the Israelites/Jews to remember the events of the Exodus?
- Why was the annual feast called Passover?
- What do you think was the symbolism of these items: Roast lamb, Bitter herbs, Unleaven bread, Wine (by Jesus' day there were 4 toasts during the meal!)?

Jesus and his disciples celebrated Passover together on the day before his death on the cross ...

- Read **Luke 22:14-23** (also in Matt 26 & Mark 14)
- Also read **1 Corinthians 11:22-28**

- Jesus' command to the disciples is 'Do this in remembrance of me'. What did he mean?
- What did Jesus say the broken bread represented?
- What did Jesus say the cup of wine represented?
- Why are these things important?
- Why do they represent a 'new covenant'?

Now look at the following passages. What do they say about the 'breaking of bread'? **Luke 24:28-32, Acts 2:42-47**

The words communion & community are derived from the same linguistic root (ie they have a similar meaning).

- What do you think this means?
- How does this link back to Jesus' command 'Do this ...'?

**WITNESS:**

Think about your experience of communion services at St Michael's Church.

- What bits are important – words or things?
- Why is that? Do they fulfil Jesus' command at the last supper?

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**Prayer:**

- Give thanks to God for his love shown in Jesus' death on the cross.
- Ask God to give you a deeper understanding of the 'bread and the wine' at communion.
- Pray that as a church community we may grow together as we celebrate communion together.