

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE - ADVENT

Who is invited to the Lord's Table?

All are invited.

Come to this table not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need God's mercy and help.

Come because you love the Lord a little, and would like to love Him more.

Come because Jesus Christ loves you and gave His life for you.

Come find your place here, where there are no strangers or outcasts, only brothers and sisters in the sight of God.

Why do we give thanks at this table?

We give thanks because Jesus showed us the way.

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Jesus is a gift from God for the world.

He is called Immanuel, "God with us".

He came to save us from our sins. He will come again to set all things right!

Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice for sin and to show God's love for the whole world. When we receive Christ, we give thanks that He is our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Why do we eat and drink at this table?

We eat because on the night before Jesus died, He ate with His beloved friends.

He gave them bread and said,

"Eat this bread. This is My body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of Me."

At that same meal Jesus took a cup of wine and said,

"Drink this cup. This is My covenant promise of sin forgiven, through My blood.

Do this in remembrance of Me."

What do we remember at this table?

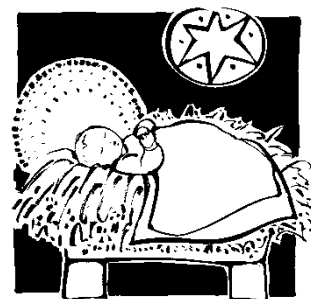
We remember Jesus' birth and His presence as God with us.

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.



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We Sing *"What Child is This"*

Let us pray:

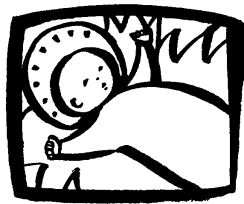
God of grace, thank You for this bread and cup,
and for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
God of hope, fill us with Your Spirit today
that we might have the wisdom to understand the mystery of this Table,
and the depth and height and breadth and length of Your love for us.
Through this meal, strengthen us to be followers of Jesus,
a community of hope, peace, joy and love, in a broken world.

We share the Bread and Cup

We Pray for Others

Prayer:

Jesus, You truly are Immanuel "God with us".
In this season of hope, may the meal we've shared together
nourish us to be Your body in the world,
Your kingdom come,
Your will done on earth as it is in heaven.
With the angels in heaven we join in singing Your praises,
Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth! Good will to all! Christ the Saviour
has come! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.



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