



## L.O. To learn about communion

- Imagine that the world is going to end tomorrow.....
- Write down what your last meal would be and who you would like to share it with. It can be anything and anyone, but you must give an explanation for your choices.



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My last supper would be \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_.

I would share it with \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Holy Communion



## LESSON OBJECTIVES –

1. TO INVESTIGATE WHAT HOLY COMMUNION IS
2. WHY CHRISTIANS PARTICIPATE IN HOLY COMMUNION



# What are Christians remembering?

- Christians remember the Last Supper before Jesus was sacrificed for mankind's sins



# What's It All About Then?



What do you think Holy Communion is all about?

- Just for religious people?
- Just for Vicars?
- For people with no hope?
- For people with hope?
- I'm not bothered either way

H O L Y



COMMUNION

## Luke 22:7-38 Easy-to-Read Version (ERV)



### **The Passover Meal**

<sup>7</sup> The Day of Unleavened Bread<sup>[a]</sup> came. This was the day when the Jews always killed the lambs for the Passover. <sup>8</sup> Jesus said to Peter and John, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us to eat.”

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where do you want us to prepare the meal?”

He said to them, <sup>10</sup> “When you go into the city, you will see a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him. He will go into a house. <sup>11</sup> Tell the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks that you please show us the room where he and his followers can eat the Passover meal.’ <sup>12</sup> Then the owner will show you a large room upstairs that is ready for us. Prepare the meal there.”

<sup>13</sup> So Peter and John left. Everything happened the way Jesus said. So they prepared the Passover meal.

# The Lord's Supper



**14** The time came for them to eat the Passover meal. Jesus and the apostles were together at the table. **15** Jesus said to them, “I wanted very much to eat this Passover meal with you before I die. **16** I will never eat another Passover meal until it is given its full meaning in God’s kingdom.”

**17** Then Jesus took a cup of wine. He gave thanks to God for it and said, “Take this cup and give it to everyone here. **18** I will never drink wine again until God’s kingdom comes.”

**19** Then he took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke off some pieces, gave them to the apostles and said, “This bread is my body that I am giving for you. Eat this to remember me.” **20** In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup of wine and said, “This wine represents the new agreement from God to his people. It will begin when my blood is poured out for you.”<sup>[b]</sup>

# Who Will Turn Against Jesus?



**21** Jesus said, “But here on this table is the hand of the one who will hand me over to my enemies. **22** The Son of Man will do what God has planned. But it will be very bad for the one who hands over the Son of Man to be killed.”

**23** Then the apostles asked each other, “Which one of us would do that?”



"Do this in memory of me."



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zgsb9j6>

**Look at this clip, it will  
help explain about  
Jesus and his death**



# "Do this in memory of me." (Jesus)



Holy Communion is a re-enactment of the **Last Supper**, the final meal that Jesus Christ shared with his disciples before his arrest, and eventual **crucifixion**. At the meal Jesus ate bread and wine and instructed his disciples to do the same in memory of him.



In Remembrance of Me, by Walter Rane, courtesy Church History Museum

# The Bread and the Wine



The bread that Jesus broke symbolised his body, that would soon be broken during his crucifixion, the wine symbolised his blood that would be spilled.



# Bible readings and prayers



The prayers and readings during Holy Communion remind people of Christ's final meal and his solemn words/actions of someone standing at the edge of death.

He died for our sins and communion is the most solemn and important celebration of the Christian faith



# Taking part helps Christians to remember...



The people taking part drink a sip of wine and eat a small piece of bread, both are **consecrated**.



<http://request.org.uk/life/worship-life/communion-life/2013/07/08/communion/>

**Consecrated** - Make something sacred; to dedicate it to a religious purpose. In Christian belief they consecrate (bread or wine) into the body or blood of Christ.

# All Christians Take Part In Communion



Different churches have different ways of celebrating Holy Communion. But it has the same purpose...

- in the Catholic Church it is called the *Mass*,
- in the Free Church it is the *Lord's Supper or the Last Supper*
- in the Church of England it is often referred to as the *Eucharist*.



# A simple meal



## Have You Ever Had Holy Communion?

Remember - Christians believe it is only celebrated until Jesus returns again. Easter made communion a time to remember – based on the hope of new life and eternal life



# Bread and Wine

- To strengthen the Christian fellowship, some Churches use one large loaf of bread and just one large cup of wine so that everyone eats and drinks together.
- However, there are some churches which distribute lots of wafers and the people having communion have individual glasses of wine.



**CHALICE**



**HOST**









# What is this called ?

Anglican Church- Holy Communion

Catholic Church- The Eucharist

Orthodox Church- The Liturgy

Other Churches

- The Lords Supper
- Breaking of the Bread

**Why so many ?**

Different denominations = different names !

- Having a meal with someone is an important sign of friendship.
- Jesus frequently shared meals with his disciples, but it is his last supper that Christians remember in the service called Holy Communion.
- This service is also known as the Eucharist, Mass or the Lord's supper.



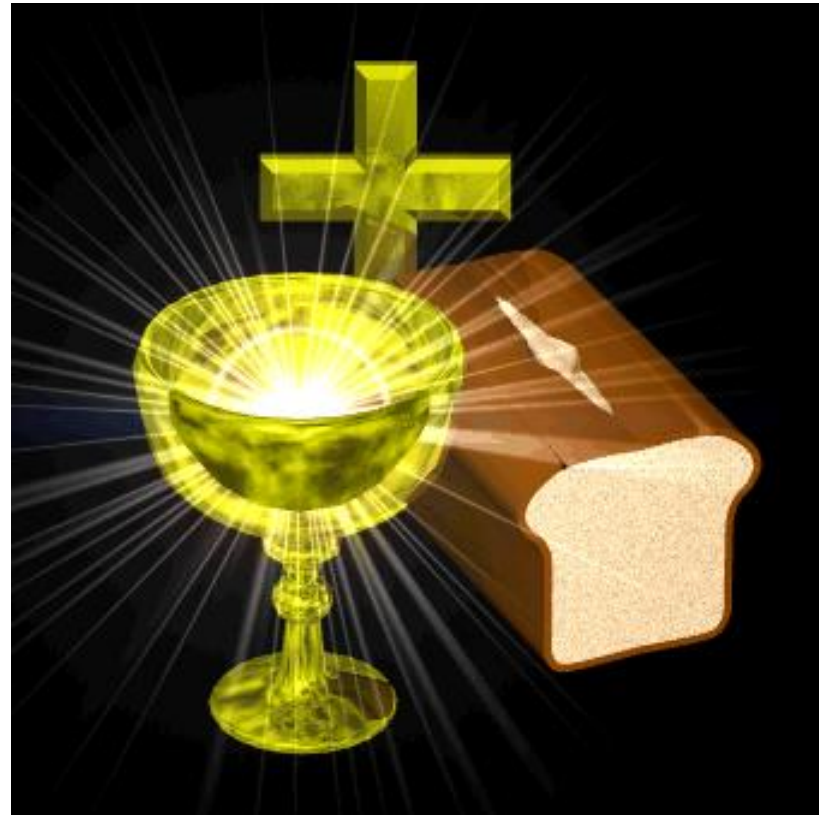
# Communion – a time to remember

**Also a time to be happy  
that what Jesus did was  
to bring all those who  
believe in him, life for  
ever with him in heaven !**



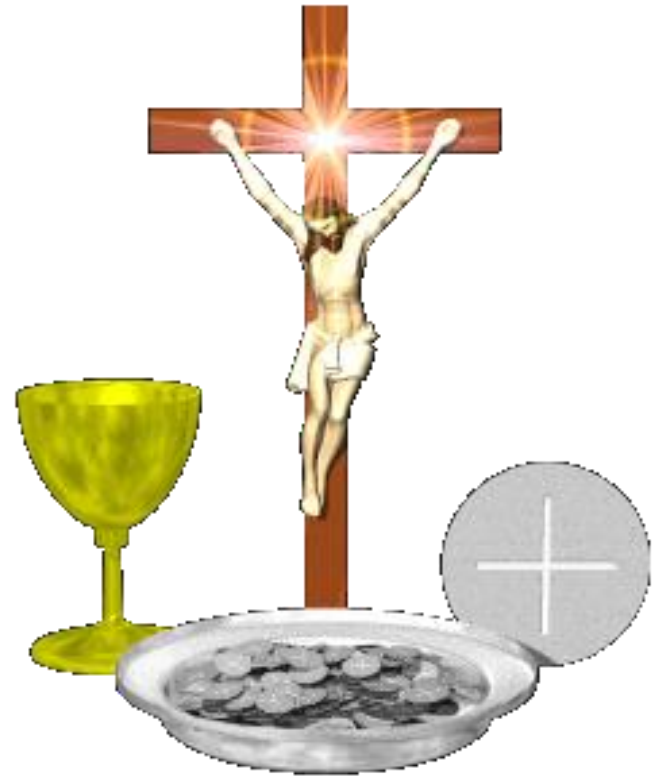
# What are the 2 symbols?

- Bread
- Wine



# What do they represent?

- The body of Jesus
- The blood of Jesus
  
- Now copy out the paragraph on the worksheet into your books and fill in the gaps using the words below



**TASK 1:** *For all pupils*

*Write out the following neatly filling in the gaps with one of the following words*

The Holy Communion is important to \_\_\_\_\_.  
It is an important service. In the service the  
Christians thank \_\_\_\_\_ for what Jesus did on the  
cross. Bread and \_\_\_\_\_ are used. The bread is a  
symbol of his \_\_\_\_\_. The wine is a symbol of his  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**blood**

**body**

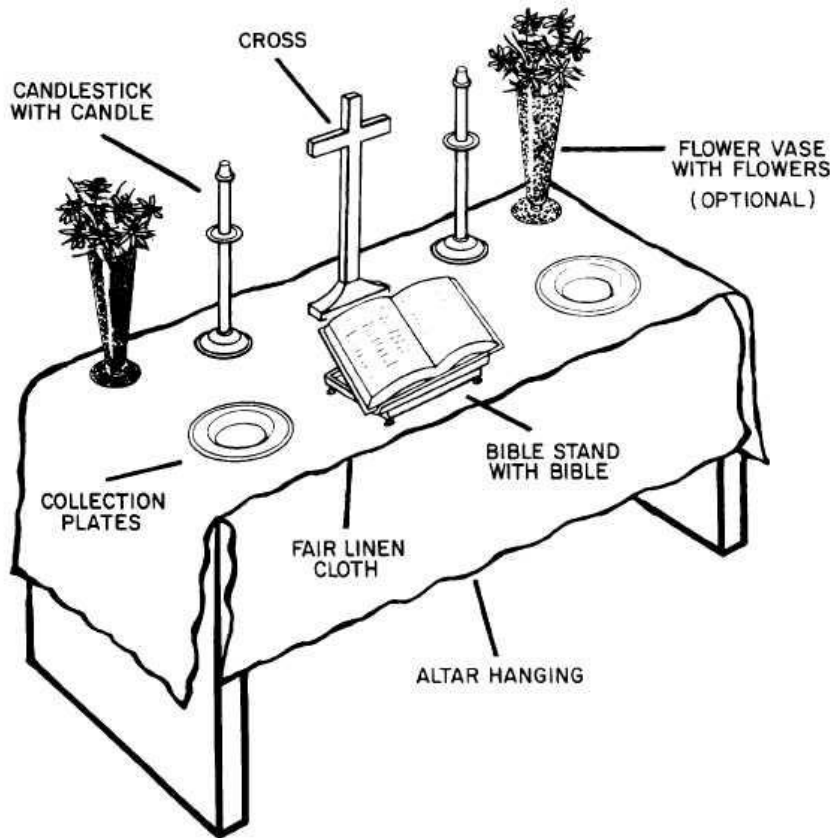
**wine**

**God**

**Christians**



# Task 2 The Altar



- Draw an altar in your books.

Label the key parts and write a sentence about why they are important.

# Task 3: What does Holy Communion mean to Christians?

- Look at the statements on your worksheet that show what this service represents to Christians
- Rank them in order of importance and then explain why you have chosen the most important one
  - It uses familiar words and rituals that some people find comforting
  - It is a reminder of Jesus' death that took away their sins
  - It reminds them of God's love in sending Jesus to be their Saviour
  - To strengthen the feeling of Christian fellowship and be part of the body of Christ



# Differences and Similarities

- Roman Catholics usually call this service "**Mass**"
- They also believe that the bread and wine actually turn into the **physical** body and blood of Christ



- The Church of England and Roman Catholic churches generally they use **wafers** instead of bread
- In the Church of England and Roman Catholic Church, usually the **priest** serves the wine
- The wine is usually **alcoholic** in Anglican and Catholic churches
- It is **blessed** and so must be used only at that time, the rest must be consumed or thrown away



## Non-conformist Churches

- E.g. Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostal, United Reform
- In the Non-conformist tradition the **elders** of the church serve the wine, **it is usually non-alcoholic**
- Non-conformists believe it is a **symbolic** act rather than the actual body and blood of Christ
- This service may be called **Eucharist** or the **Lord's Supper**

# Quakers & Salvation Army

- These denominations **do not** have a communion service
- They believe that **every** meal is an act of worship & communion and hence they celebrate Jesus' work every day



## Task 4: Matching

- Match the statements to the correct denominations (some may be true of more than one denomination)