

## **Agape Meal, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

### ***Words of Thanks for God's plan of Salvation:***

So we begin by giving thanks to our God.

**Thank You, Lord**, for Your infinite wisdom and Your infinite grace, as demonstrated in the plan of salvation. Thank You for bringing us into communion with You through Your wonderful, redeeming work.

**We praise you, Father**, for sending Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to this earth and to be born into the human race, over two thousand years ago, so that by His death and resurrection we might be able to look to Him as our Rescuer.

Lord, we believe.

**Thank you** that Jesus Christ is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him.

**We praise you** that He continues to intercede for us, and his grace keeps us in relationship with you our God.

Lord, we believe.

**Thank you Father**, that the Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. Thank you that we have been adopted into your family through the work of your Son.

**We praise you** that we can be assured of our inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in unity with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, we believe.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen

### ***Remembering God's forgiveness***

And now we remember that God is a forgiving God.

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."

"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us."

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

In a moment of quiet, let us reflect on our lives before God, bringing to him whatever needs to be confessed.

So as a community, let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**All** Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore *you* in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

### ***Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26: The Last Supper***

**23** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, **24** and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." **25** In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." **26** For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### ***Talk: Remembering Christ's New Covenant***

### ***Personal story: What Christ's Death and Resurrection Means to Me***

### ***Remembering His Sacrifice: Bread and Wine/Juice***

### ***Resurrection Life***

So now we remember that Christ is risen, and his power is available to us who believe.

**1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. **3** For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:1-4, ESV)

*Please spend one minute silently asking the Holy Spirit to take the throne in your life and transform every part of you.*

We pray that we would know Christ, risen from the dead, and know the power of his resurrection.

We have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer us who live, but Christ who lives in us; and the life we now live in the body we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us. (adapted from Gal. 2:20, ESV)

*Please spend one minute enjoying the reality of Christ's living presence, and allow his resurrection power to renew you again.*

So we commit ourselves into your hands Lord, trusting in Christ's death for us, and living in his glorious life.

In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

## ***Blessing***

### **Song: He Will Hold Me Fast**

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

#### *Chorus:*

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

#### *Chorus*

3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

#### *Chorus*

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