

# BETHANY COVENANT CHURCH



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**April 9, 2020**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Served at home**

## PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

### Making the bread for Holy Communion . . .

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup Flour
- 1/4 cup Butter
- 1T Ice Water

**Directions:**

- Mix butter & flour until crumbly
- Add ice water and knead several times

Sprinkle with flour and spread onto cookie sheet w/ rolling pin (use wax paper or parchment paper to prevent sticking)  
Recipe will only fill about 1/2 of the cookie sheet. Should be about 1/8" thick  
With a knife or pizza cutter, cut into 1-2" squares, crinkle with a fork  
Bake at 375 for 10 - 12 minutes

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**The preparation below is written for a household of more than 1 person.  
If you are a household of one consider calling, facetimeing, zooming another person and celebrating this communion together with them virtually.**

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Break the bread you made (or use crackers) into enough pieces for each person in your household and place them on a plate

Using juice (any kind) or water pour into glasses for everyone in your household.

Prepare a place and set a time to experience the "Last Supper" (Holy Communion) together on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. You may wish to share this communion at 6:30 pm which is when we would have been celebrating if we could have met together.

Here are some different ways you can use this:

- Each participant can lead a different section (invitation/confession, promise of forgiveness, and celebration)
- Cut along the black lines and distribute the slips of paper to different members of your family to read. There are many sections that younger readers could lead.

A prayer of consecration has been prayed over the bread and cup you share. - Pastor Craig

Take your time, don't rush this experience of the "Last Supper".

## Invitation

1 Jesus' followers gathered for a special meal before he died. It was a tradition they had celebrated many times. But this time, Jesus made it even more special. He gave the bread and the cup a new meaning. The bread and the cup were to help them remember the way that Jesus' body and blood would be given on the cross. Jesus invited all his followers, including us, to remember Him with this meal.

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2 The Bible says: *"But God shows His love for us,  
because while we were still sinners Christ died for us."* **Romans 5:8**

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3 We can never be "good enough" for God to love us. But God chooses to love us so much!

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4 Let's pray: God, thank You for Your love. Forgive us for unkind words we have spoken, for ways that we have hurt other people's feelings. Forgive us for not helping others when we could have. Thank You for Your Love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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## Promise of Forgiveness

5 The Bible says: *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him."* **John 3:16-17**

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6 This is the Good News! God sent Jesus into the world to forgive our sins and to make us the family of God. We all are forgiven and loved.

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## Celebration

7 Jesus said to His followers, "This is My body. It is given for you.  
Every time you eat it, do it to remember Me."

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8 *\*Enable family members to serve each other. One holds the plate for the other while they take a piece of bread, one at a time. Repeat till everyone has a piece of bread.\**

Eat and remember that Jesus gave His life for you.

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9 Jesus said to His followers, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood.  
Every time you drink it, do this to remember Me."

*\*Enable family members to serve each other.*

*Have each person give a cup to the person on their right. Repeat till everyone has a cup.\**

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10 Drink and remember that Jesus gave His life for you.

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11 Let's pray: Loving God, thank You for sending Jesus to save us. Jesus, thank You for coming and rescuing us. Holy Spirit, thank you for always reminding us of the things that Jesus said and did. Thank You Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for loving us. We love You back. Help us to be good examples of Your children as we seek to love others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.