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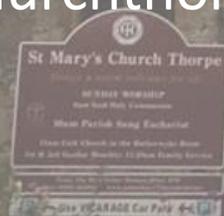
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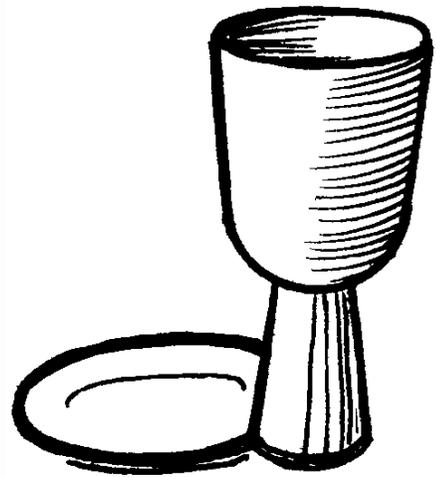
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Jesus meets us in bread and wine



- Eucharist
- Holy Communion
- The Lord's Supper
- Mass



Why do we celebrate Holy Communion?



On the night before he died, Jesus shared a final meal known as 'Passover' with his disciples.

During this he gave to his disciples for all time, this special way of remembering him: as bread is broken and shared and as wine is poured out.

We celebrate Holy Communion because Jesus commands us:

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

(Luke 22:19)

Jesus present with us

- This is the service Jesus inaugurated
- Communion is a way of experiencing his very presence among us and with us today
- It is the central act of worship of the Christian Church
- The Eucharist is the main focus for the worshipping life of St Mary's Church, Thorpe.



Our Relationship with God

- Covenant, Testament & relationship all mean similar things
- Jesus brought in a new relationship between people and God – he is God with us.
- The Old Testament refers to the old relationship before Jesus
- The New Testament speaks of a new relationship between God and people





The Last Supper

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.”

(Matthew 26.26-27)



DO THIS!

- Jesus commands his disciples to **DO THIS ...**
- Communion is an act of remembering
- Bringing the past into the present
- At St Mary's we describe Jesus as being **present** with us when we break the bread and share the cup. This is known as our Lord's **real presence in the Eucharist.**



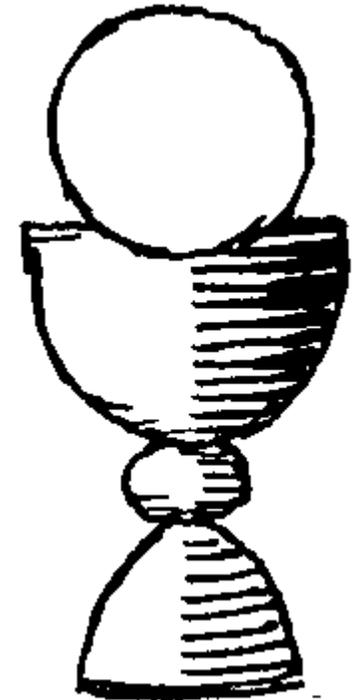
Holy Communion – a Sacramental sign



A sacrament is a Christian rite - an outward sign of something that God is doing within our hearts and lives.

God at work within us!

The Eucharist (like Baptism) is a sacrament:
the outward and visible sign is the bread and wine;
the inward reality is the living presence of Jesus.



We offer our gifts of 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands.'

We offer the very best of who we are back to God in thanksgiving.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The noblest sacrament,
consequently, is that
wherein his Body is
really present. The
Eucharist crowns all the
other sacraments.*

St. Thomas Aquinas

