We continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Night of Betrayal of Christ Communion Message

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 Welcome to fellowship. We continue stedfastly in doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Let our voices unite in prayer.

- My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 6: 19

The place in which the Holy Spirit dwells,

I Corinthians 6: 20

- the instrument through which the Holy Spirit works. I Corinthians 6: 20
- Let mine eye look upon no evil thing. Romans 12: 1
- Let my tongue speak no filthy thing. Romans 12: 1
- Let mine hand do no lawless deed. Romans 12: 1
- Let my body, with all its energies and powers, be a living sacrifice. Romans 12: 1
- Let me do good works also. Romans 12: 2

- Let my hand do alms. Romans 12: 2
- Let my mouth bless. Romans 12: 2
- Let my ear find leisure hearing Scripture.
 Romans 12: 2
- Let my service be Holy and acceptable unto God. Romans 12: 2
- Let me put on kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering, forgiveness and above all charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Colossians 3: 12-14

- Let me put off; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication and lying. Colossians 3: 8-9
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14 Amen.

Let's worship in song, listen first then sing.

BLESSED ASSURANCE Hymn #2

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion pur-chase of God, Born of His Spir-it, washed in His blood. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Savior all the day long; This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion all is at rest, I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest; Watching and wait-ing, look-ing above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Savior all the day long; This is my sto-ry, this is my song, Prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Let's continue to worship in song.

Hymn #12 BLESSED REDEEMER

- 1. Up Cal-vary's mountain one dreadful morn, Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn;
- Fac-ing for sin-ners death on the cross, That He might save them from endless loss.
 - Bless-ed Re-deem-er! Pre-cious Re-deem-er! Seems now I see Him on Cal-va-ry's tree;
- Wound-ed and bleed-ing, for sin-ners plead-ing-Blind and un-heed—ing- dy-ing for me!

2. "Fa-ther, forgive them!" thus did He pray, E'en while His life-blood flowed fast a-way;

Pray-ing for sin-ners while in such woe- No one but Je-sus ev-er loved so.

Bless-ed Re-deem-er! Pre-cious Re-deem-er! Seems now I see Him on Cal-va-ry's tree;

Wound-ed and bleed-ing, for sin-ners plead-ing-Blind and un-heed—ing- dy-ing for me!

- 3. O how I love Him, Sav-iour and friend, How can my prais-es ev-er find end!
- Thro' years un-num-bered on heaven's shore, My tongue shall praise Him for-ev-er-more.
 - Bless-ed Re-deem-er! Pre-cious Re-deem-er! Seems now I see Him on Cal-va-ry's tree;
 - Wound-ed and bleed-ing, for sin-ners plead-ing-Blind and un-heed—ing- dy-ing for me!

END

- If you have made confession with your mouth;
 Jesus is Lord, believe in your heart God raised
 Him from the dead, and have been obedient in
 baptism, you are invited to partake of the Lords
 Supper.
- Every one angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment. If you are at the altar, and remember thy brother hath aught against thee, leave the altar, and go be reconciled to thy brother, then come and offer thy gift.

Matthew 5: 22-24 ASV

Prayer for Breaking of Bread

Let voices unite in an Intimate Prayer of Petition.

- Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, to find help in time of need. Hebrews 4: 16
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14
- Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Psalm 51: 2
- I have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 3: 23

- O God, blot out my transgression. Psalm 51: 1
- Conscious of mine iniquity; my sin is continually before me. Psalm 51: 3
- Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil.

 Psalm 51: 4
- Jesus took bread, blessed, and brake it. He said, Take, eat; this is my body. Matthew 26: 26
- My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me. Luke 22: 19

- Jesus took a cup, gave thanks, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the covenant, poured out for remission of sins. Matthew 26: 27-28
- God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3: 16
- I like sheep have gone astray; I have turned to my own way; and Jehovah has laid on Jesus my iniquity. Isaiah 53: 6

- Jesus has borne my griefs, carried my sorrows; was wounded for my transgressions, and bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him; and with His stripes I am healed. Isaiah 53: 4-5
- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Matthew 6: 10
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Matthew 6: 13 Amen.

Celebrate Breaking of Bread

Praise God singing the Doxology:

Praise, God, from whom all bless-ings flow,
Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.

• Text: Luke 22: 3 ASV

Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

• Text: Luke 22: 31-32 ASV

Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when once thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren.

- The night of the last Passover, in the conflict between God and Satan disciples were thrown back and forth as flour in a sifter.
- They would have succumbed too, if not for the prayers of Christ.
- Such complete absence of sin. Past, present, future; individual and society; deepest depth and highest height; God and Satan; Judas and Simon; a plea for a sentence and a plea for acquittal. All simultaneously and each in its place, found room in the soul of the man Jesus

Christ.

- Truly, a High Priest became our Mediator.
- Considering moment of time, Satan desires all disciples, and for what end; the night in which Christ was betrayed is a particularly irritating goad at the heels of Satan. On this night the holiness of God refuses to be confined. This night the holiness of God extends itself. It aims to become manifest in the justification of sinners. By means of twelve apostles it aims to

pour itself out upon the church, an institution whose holiness will appear in the institution and have effect until the last day. To that end God puts to work the potency of the coming era.

- On this night storms rage, the wind howls. A whirlwind moves over the universe. This night rankles Satan. Life, eternal life is the sting!
- Just as Christ gave shape and words to His desires in the room of the Passover by expressing them in prayer, so Satan puts his desire into language throughout the universe.

His words attack God's work.

- The language isn't human. Satan doesn't speak an earthly tongue. That's impossible, as only God was made flesh. Satan wasn't.
- Picture two radio stations. As one sends out a signal the other sends out signal against the first.
- Jesus dispatched a wave of His soul to God; it bears a petition of redemption, it is a fervent plea for those whom the Father has given Him.

- Meanwhile, Satan dispatches waves designed to interfere with the transmission of the Son of Man. His passion burns the fringes of the seven stars that are the seven churches.
- The seven stars represent the completeness of the church. Seven stars are in the room of the Passover, for the apostles are there with Jesus.
- Satan draws up a writ of complaint against the seven churches and turns it in at the Highest Tribunal. He delivers it into God's hands.

 The desire of Jesus, the defendant expressed in word, the desire of Satan, the Plaintiff also expressed in word. There's a battle of words against each other in the universe. This spiritual warfare in apocalyptic language is the conflict of spiritual forces in the air. The two forces are two witnesses. One accuses, the other defends. Both appear before the Tribunal of God. Satan makes his wants known to God. Satan wants God to turn the disciples over to him. He's laying claim to all in the room with Jesus.

 Satan can not avail against Christ. For that reason Satan directs his attack upon the disciples, the apostles of the future. If he can not sever Christ from the church, can he sever the church from Christ? That is why Satan desires the apostle and all disciples, for these represent the church. By means of their office the church will flourish and live. If these should succumb the one seed of the woman would be destroyed. The fountain of the church would be stopped! Then Jesus side would bleed in vain.

Then the twenty and four thrones encircling God's throne would be vacant throughout all eternity, as far as the twelve apostolic chairs would be concerned. And if those twelve apostolic chairs were vacant, the twelve patriarchs would have no right to theirs. That is why Satan wants them all!

 God's lightening rends the skies. His thunder roars through the world. It arouses Satan's spirit. He raises a stronger pleading for what he supposes are his rights. He pleads before God.

- Legal rights are the order of the day, the business of the moment! Right vs. Right, the counsel for heaven rises and the counsel for hell jumps to his feet. Christ has been named Mediator for heaven's cause. Has He? Satan will present the case before God. He lays down the claim; cites law and precedent all designed to thwart God's plan.
- Christ comes through the centuries as surety for His own. 31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast

out. John 12: 31 ASV In this moment of world crisis He experiences in His prayers beforehand the fact of His surety which will seal with His blood after a little while. He has prayed for them; in the spiritual world the cross has already been lifted high. He prayed for them as a Man of sorrows. By that act He manifested His faith. An attorney who wants to base his plea for the client's acquittal upon a ransom still to be paid must be very certain that it will be paid.

In His plea for the defense, Christ's grace is as

universal as it is particular. He prays for all those who are present, for He wants to enter all as documents attesting the fidelity of God. He's specially sensitive to Peter's case. For Simon, who will speak satanically at the beginning of the history of the passion, will at the feast of Pentecost be the first to allow his spirit to be driven by God, to express itself in words: I have prayed for thee, Simon.

Christ doesn't ask the sifting stop or be stricken.
 The High Priest does not ask disciples be taken

out of Satan's sieve. Instead He asks that faith may not abate. Father help Thou their unbelief ...

Let's praise the Lord in song.

Hymn #25 VICTORY IN JESUS

 1. I heard an old, old story, how a Sav-ior came from glo-ry,

How He gave His life on Cal-va-ry to save a wretch like me;

I heard a-bout His groan-ing, of His pre-cious bloods a-ton-ing,

Then I re-pent-ed of my sins and won the vic-to-ry.

CHORUS

O vic-to-ry in Je-sus, my Sav-ior, for-ev-er!

He sought me and bought me with His re-deeming blood;

He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him-

He plunged me to vic-to-ry be-neath the cleansing flood.

3. I heard a-bout a man-sion He has built for me in glo-ry,

And I heard a-bout the streets of gold be-yond the crystal sea,

A-bout the an-gels sing-ing and the old re-demption sto-ry-

And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic-to-ry.

CHORUS

O vic-to-ry in Je-sus, my Sav-ior, for-ev-er!

He sought me and bought me with His re-deeming blood;

He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him-

He plunged me to vic-to-ry be-neath the cleansing flood.

END

Lord willing, we study doctrine and pray every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Join us.