

Jesus-God's Gift to Us

God gave us Jesus as a special gift. We remember this great gift at Mass and we thank and praise God for his goodness.



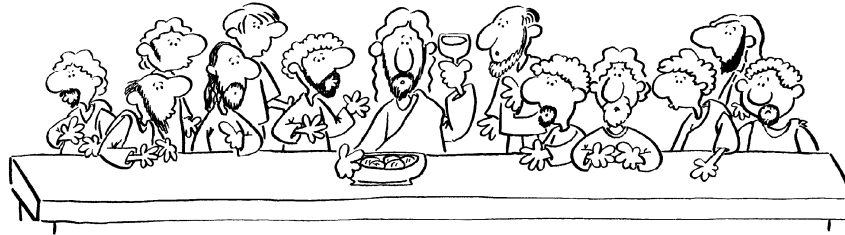
We bring gifts to the altar at Mass. The gifts we bring are *Bread and Wine*.

These gifts during Mass become the body and blood of Christ.

Write a prayer thanking God for the gift of Jesus

The Last Supper

'Do This in Memory of Me'



In this story we hear how Jesus shared a special meal with his friends and gave us the gift of himself.

Jesus and his friends came together to discuss where they would celebrate the Passover meal. Jesus said to two of his disciples,

'Go into the city, you will see a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him to his house. There is an upstairs room where we can have our meal together.'

After all the preparations were completed Jesus and his friends sat down to eat the Passover meal.

As they sat together Jesus told them that he loved them very much. He took a towel, poured some water into a basin and began to wash their feet. His friends were puzzled. But Jesus explained he was doing this to show how much he loved them. I want you to 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

They said special prayers and shared the story of Moses leading the people out of Israel. Jesus knew this would be the last meal he would have with his friends. He wanted them to remember all of the things he had told them and to reassure them he would always be with them.

As they were sharing their meal Jesus took the unleavened bread, blessed it, broke it and shared it out among his friends saying,

'Take and eat, this is my body, which will be given up for you'

Then he took the cup of wine, blessed it and said,

'This is my blood, take and drink it.'

The he told them,

'I will be with you every time you do as I have done.'



An Apostle's Diary

Listen carefully as your teacher reads the story of the Last Supper. Close your eyes and imagine you are one of the apostles present with Jesus. Retell the events of that evening below.

