

Simple pattern based on Paul's words.

1 Cor 23-26 "For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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." 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." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

Introduction

"For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you:

This table is open to all who love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. This meal has been shared by Christians throughout the history of the church and is also shared by countless Christians today across the world. Together we remember Jesus and the gift of life he has given through his sacrifice, and we receive his grace and share his life as we partake in this simple meal.

Thanksgiving

when he had given thanks

(Sometimes I ask for one of two to pray in thanksgiving or pray myself.)

Bread

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, 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."

Receive individually and maybe share with neighbours....

Wine

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."

Stand together and say: *Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again*

Proclaim

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Pray for the church

(One of the reasons for Paul's corrective to the Corinthian church was to do with their failure to recognise the body of Christ (*v22 one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing?*). I don't read this passage, but it acts as a prompt for us to pray for those in need as part of the communion service.)

Therefore, prayer is offered for those in need, perhaps this is drawn from the newsletter/email or a specific request. I sometime ask people to mention names of those they would like to be prayed for.