

# Home Group Notes

## Prayers of the Communion Service 4

### Remembrance

Read Mark 15:33-39.

1. How do you respond to this passage? What do you think?
2. What supernatural events do you see in this passage? What are the significances of those events? What do they mean?
3. What is the significance of the temple curtain (to the holy of holies) being torn in two at the moment of Jesus' death?
4. Why do you think the Roman centurion said, "Truly this man was God's Son"?

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
"Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

5. What common themes can you see from this section of liturgy to the sections we have looked at in previous weeks?
6. To be partakers of something means to align ourselves with it because it means something to us. What does the body and blood of Jesus mean to you?
7. Why is it so important to remember Jesus' death and passion (suffering) today, as he has commanded us to do?
8. Can you think of other festivals / celebrations that God's people had in remembrance of what God had done for them?
9. How often do we tell each other what things God has done in our own lives? What has God done for you recently?
10. The old covenant was a covenant of obedience. If the people acted correctly then they would enter into the benefits of the covenant. The new covenant takes place through Jesus' blood, as God's forgiveness of sins is given. How do we apply this to our lives? Do we live as new covenant people or do we still try to live by an old covenant that we have already failed to fulfil?

*For today's prayer remember those times when God has been active in your own life, or has answered prayer. Give thanks for those times.*

*Pray that we would live out and demonstrate to others what it means to be new covenant Christians.*

*Pray for our special occasions at church where people from the parish join us. Pray that we would be effective in our support for them and outreach to them.*