

## The Lord's Supper

### Introduction:

1. For Advent today, we lit the candle of peace.
2. In Genesis, Adam and Eve declared war against God by disobeying him.
3. Since then all of humanity has been at war with God.
4. So God sent his Son to broker peace between God and man.
5. Jesus sacrificed his body and shed his blood so you and I can be forgiven.

In the OT, there's a story of a righteous king inviting his enemy to dinner.

1. King David was at war with Saul, and eventually David became king.
2. King Saul had a son named Jonathan who had shown kindness to David.
3. Although David could have rightly destroyed Saul's line, he didn't.
4. He invited Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, who was lame in both feet, to his home.
5. David restored his fortune and invited him to live in Jerusalem and always eat at his palace.
6. The Bible says "Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons."

We were at war with God, but God has invited us to his table.

1. We practice "open communion" because it's up to the king, not us, who comes to his table.
2. Any who have accepted the peace of God through putting their faith in Christ may partake.
3. Please come reverently before the king, having examined your heart.
4. Make sure you are extending peace to those around you as God has extended it to you.
5. If you have not yet accepted the king's pardon, you can't come to the king's table yet.
6. If you don't know Christ, I encourage you to accept the king's pardon, so you may partake.

The Apostle Paul tells us how to celebrate the king's supper with these words:

\*Break bread as recite.

"For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when 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."

\*Serve the bread.

"Take and eat."

"In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Cor 11:23-26 ESV)

\*Serve the cup.

"Take and drink."

\*Pray for Communion.