

God and Man At Table Are Sat Down

Old Orchard Church

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And Jesus said to them,
“I have eagerly desired to eat this
Passover with you before I suffer.
For I tell you, I will not eat it again
until it finds fulfillment
in the kingdom of God.”

— Luke 22:15-16 —



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Celebrating Jesus Christ, Host of the Banquet of the Lord

Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who by dying and rising
Has brought us near to the Infinite God,
That we might
love him,
live with him,
even dine with him.

O sweet mystery of love
That he who is Host is also our Food!
Come, weak and hungry heart:
Feed on the Bread of heaven
Day in, day out;
Come hungry heart, and by faith
Eat your fill at the banquet of the Lord's Supper
Week after week—
Until that great day coming,
When we shall revel in the Wedding Supper of the Lamb,
And what comes to pass shall be shouted from every roof top,
"God and man at table are sat down!"



Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Samuel 9:3-11

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 19:1-9

Today's Sermon

"The Power of the Cross:
A Kingdom Established and a World Healed"
Colossians 1:15-20

Ron Lutjens, senior pastor, preaching

Eating True Food, By Faith

"Jesus said to them, "Come and dine."

John 21:12

In these words the believer is invited to a holy nearness to Jesus. **"Come and dine,"** implies the same table, the same food; yes, and sometimes it means to sit side by side, and lean our head upon the Savior's chest. It is being brought into the banqueting-house, where waves the banner of redeeming love. **"Come and dine,"** gives us a vision of union with Jesus, because the only food that we can feast upon when we dine with Jesus is Himself. Oh, what union is this! It is a depth which reason cannot fathom, that we thus feed upon Jesus. **"He that eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, dwells in Me, and I in him."** (John 6:56)

It is also an invitation to enjoy fellowship with the saints. Christians may differ on a variety of points, but they have all one spiritual appetite; and if we cannot all feel alike, we can all feed alike on the bread of life sent down from heaven. At the table of fellowship with Jesus we are one bread and one cup. As the loving cup goes round we pledge one another heartily therein. Get nearer to Jesus, and you will find yourself linked more and more in spirit to all who are like yourself, supported by the same heavenly manna. If we were more near to Jesus we should be more near to one another.

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We likewise see in these words the source of strength for every Christian. To look at Christ is to live, but for strength to serve Him you must **"come and dine."** We labor under much unnecessary weakness on account of neglecting this precept of the Master. We none of us need to put ourselves on a low diet; on the contrary, we should fatten on the marrow and fatness of the gospel that we may accumulate strength therein, and urge every power to its full tension in the Master's service. Thus, then, if you would realize nearness to Jesus, union with Jesus, love to His people and strength from Jesus, **"come and dine"** with Him by faith.



—Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892)
Morning and Evening Devotions

We celebrate the Lord's Supper weekly—and in a circle, at the end of worship. A word of direction is given, and with this everyone stands and moves to the walls. The cup is passed in two forms: in a chalice and then in small individual cups. You are free to choose.

And as this is the Supper of the Lord Christ, please listen to the instructions we give as to what qualifies a visitor to participate. **But whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle.**