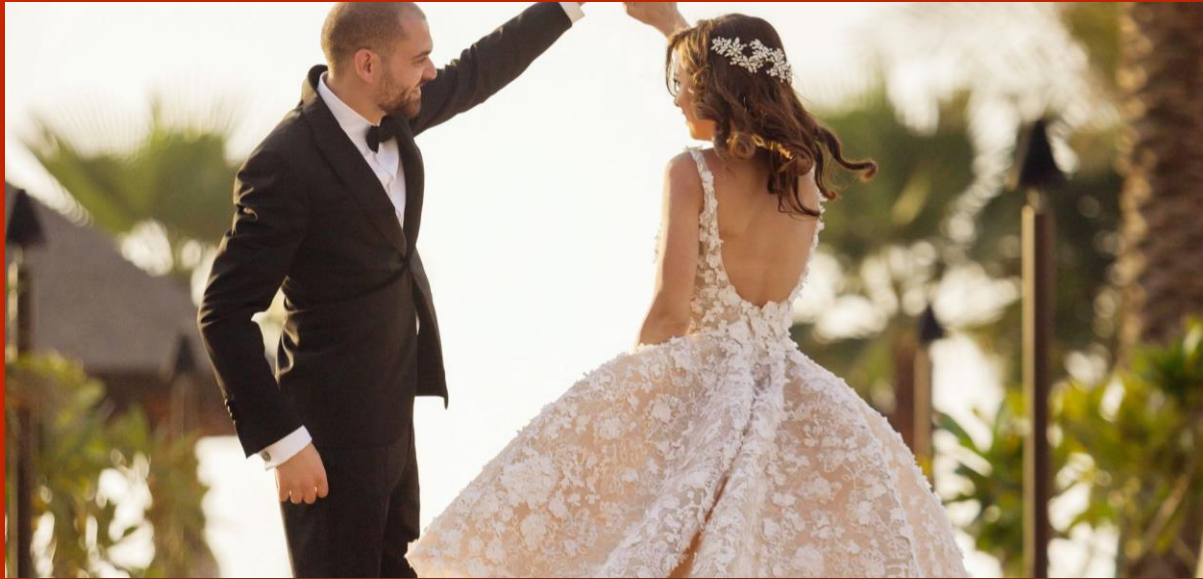


The Eucharist: Remembering, Receiving, Renewing





“continually devoted themselves”

**adhere, to be devoted or constant to one
be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care
continue all the time in a place
persevere and not faint**



***First of all,
then, I urge that
supplications,
prayers,
intercessions,
and
thanksgivings
be made for all
people...***

1 Timothy 2:1



What are the simple biblical essentials needed to celebrate the breaking of the Bread/Eucharist?



- 1) *Space*
- 2) *Bread and Wine*
- 3) *A Celebrant*
- 4) *Community*
- 5) *Words/Prayer*
- 6) *Actions*
- 7) *Participation*



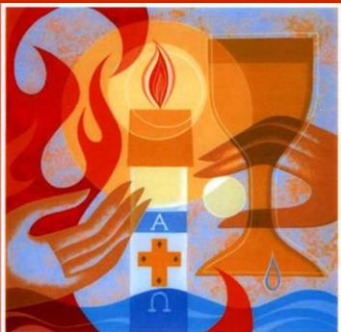
Why did Jesus have such a
intense desire to eat this
Passover with His disciples?



*And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired
to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.
For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled
in the kingdom of God”*

Luke 22:14–16

*I have earnestly and intensely desired to eat
this Passover with you. — Amplified Bible*



Does the Bible give us
any guidance concerning
how often?



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

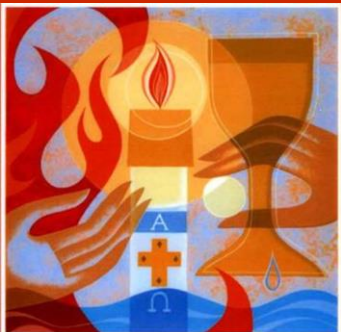
On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread... Acts 20:7



DIDACHE - is believed to have been written between A.D. 70 and A.D. 100.



On every Lord's day gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure. But let no one who is at odds with his fellow come together with you, until they be reconciled, that your sacrifice may not be profaned.



Justin Martyr, around 150AD, describes a worship service.



And on the day called Sunday...we all rise together and pray, and when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the one presiding in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each...



ESV Bible

1 Corinthians 10:16-17



The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.



Amplified Bible

1 Corinthians 10:16



The cup of blessing [of wine at the Lord's Supper] upon which we ask [God's] blessing, does it not mean [that in drinking it] we participate in and share a fellowship (a communion) in the blood of Christ (the Messiah)? The bread which we break, does it not mean [that in eating it] we participate in and share a fellowship (a communion) in the body of Christ (the Messiah)?



ESV Bible

1 Corinthians 11:29-30



Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.



Blood Covenant Exodus 24:8



Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, “This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”



Passover

The Cup of Sanctification
(Included giving thanks)



Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." *Luke 22:17-18*