

# SACRAMENTAL THANKSGIVING

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Luke 22:14-18

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For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit  
of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."  
Luke 22:17-18*

## **That day**

*Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover Lamb had to be sacrificed . . . .  
Luke 22:7*

Grace happens IN TIME AND PLACE

## **That hour (or, "what is 'it'?")**

*When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table.  
And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.  
For I tell you, I will not eat of it until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."  
Luke 22:14-16*

JESUS is the fulfillment

## **Sharing a meal and giving thanks**

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“Take this and divide it among you.  
For I tell you I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine  
until the kingdom of God comes.”*  
Luke 22:17-18 (see ESV translation, “from now on”)

- 1) Eucharist is AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATION
- 2) Eucharist means I KNOW THE END OF THE STORY

## **Living eucharistically**

*And he took the bread, gave thanks and broke it . . . .  
In the same way, after the supper he took the cup . . . .*  
Luke 22:19,20 (see Ephesians 5:18-21; Colossians 1:9-13)

- 1) Giving thanks allows me to see the God at work in CREATION
- 2) Giving thanks prepares me to see grace at work in MY CIRCUMSTANCES
- 3) Giving thanks is the starting point for understanding my SALVATION