



# A Last Supper Experience.

A night for feasting, for reflecting, for thankfulness and for presence.

You are invited to join us as we reflect on Jesus' love and sacrifice for us expressed at Easter.

Thursday, April 9th, 8pm (zoom id in comments)

*At your house.*



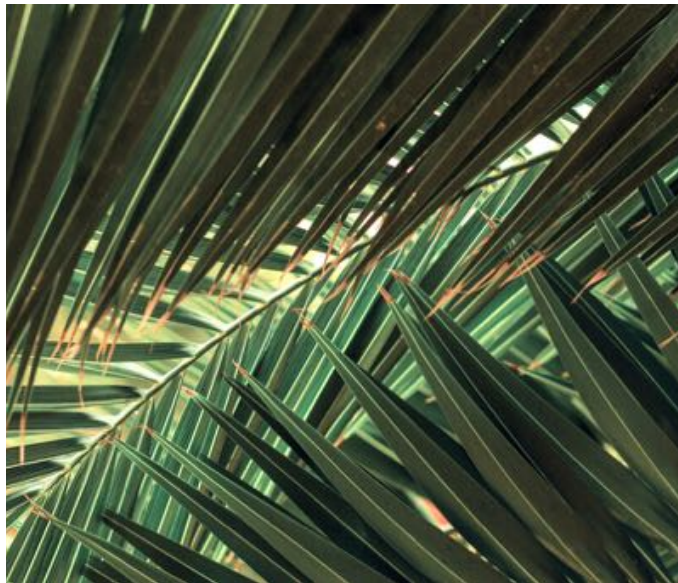
*"As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." - Matthew 26:26*

The last supper is an intimate picture of Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Participating in the traditional Jewish Passover as they would have done every year of their lives, Jesus suddenly reframes the whole celebration around himself and the events that are about to unfold. The bread is an image of his body-take, blessed, broken and given for the good of the world.

In inviting his followers to 'take' of the bread, Jesus invites them to re-frame their own identities in light of this event- they too will be 'taken, blessed, broken and given' as his body to the world...

This "Last Supper Experience" is an invitation to reflect on the great love of God for you expressed in Jesus' death and resurrection, and his invitation for your identity to be found in him and his life.

The "Last Supper Experience" is a long slow meal in which we reflect, share, pray and celebrate Easter. You will be invited to journey through four significant images that shape Jesus' identity and should shape ours- Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given. In preparation for the meal we ask that each person view some talks by Henri Nouwen and prayerfully reflect on some set questions that will be shared on the night. These can be found on the next page.



Due to current restrictions on gatherings of people in light of COVID-19, we have prepared a recipe list for people to use at home. We ask that you intentionally make space to slowly create the meal, ensure you have some tasty bread and wine (or other drink of choice). The making of the meal itself can be an act of prayer and reflection as it would have been for people in Jesus' day. You do not have to use the same recipe, however you will need 4 courses- bread, entre, main, dessert.



# PREPARING FOR THE FEAST.

## 1. Taken/Chosen

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dB4DsEQr4Q>

*What does it mean for you to be chosen by God as his beloved? What prevents you living out of this truth?*

## 2. Blessed

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXnpajo7Js>

*How have you experienced the 'blessing of God' around you this year? How does it change your current circumstances to know you are 'blessed' - loved by God in Jesus?*

## 3. Brokenness

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXnpajo7Js>

*How have you experienced brokenness in your life? What do you need to own as your brokenness? How does Jesus meet you in your brokenness?*

## 4. Given

Watch: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAd06\\_3KcSY&t=7s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OAd06_3KcSY&t=7s)

*You are here to be given for the world- how is Jesus inviting you to be given in the upcoming year? What step do you need to take?*

## Watch and Reflect.

The meal will focus on four different images from the last supper in which Jesus **Takes** the bread; **Blesses** the bread; **Breaks** the bread and **Gives** the bread.

According to Henri Nouwen each of these four words (Taken, Blessed, Broken, Given) reflect a core aspect of Jesus' identity and mission- and also that which he invites us to embrace for ourselves.

We ask that in preparation for the meal you complete the following:

1. Read the account of the last supper in one of the gospels.
2. Watch the following short youtube videos titled 'Becoming the beloved' by Henri Nouwen (you may wish to watch part 1 & 2 if you haven't seen them before - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFwfYpd0F18&t=419s>)
3. Prayerfully prepare a response to the questions provided.
4. Have your 4 course meal ready to go! Each course of the meal will allow space for one of these images to be reflected on and shared together.



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