## Guided by a cloud 13 (Exodus 13:21-22)

This week is communion and following recent news announcements I have been thinking that as we come 'together apart' we are invited to be in Jesus' 'support bubble'. He wants us to spend time with Him. He will help us through our isolation and support and encourage us as we share our lives with him. The invitation is open to all, we don't have to wait to be told we can join, Jesus is ready and waiting to receive us.

John 14:1- "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."... <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.



Worship time

I stand amazed in the presence

Jesus what a beautiful name

How deep the Father's love for us

Shortly before Jesus died, He told His disciples that He would be leaving them soon. Naturally, the disciples were very upset but Jesus told them He was going on ahead of them to prepare a place for them in "God's house". Jesus wanted His disciples to be with Him where He was going to. Jesus was opening up the door for His disciples and all believers to be with Him. We are part of that inheritance. We are invited to be with Him not just for a few

days or weeks or to the end of a virus pandemic but for all eternity. Jesus wants us to be with Him to live with Him.

So however we're feeling today, whatever has happened this week, the good and the bad we can give it to Jesus as we come and take communion. He opens the door and invites us in. He encourages us not to be troubled but to put our belief and trust in Him.

1 Corinthians 11:23-28 "... The Lord Jesus on the night 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." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup."

Father as we take this bread and wine we want to recommit our life, our heart, our thoughts, our everything to You. Fill us today with Your Holy Spirit. Thank you that your desire is that we come into your presence, thank you that your door is always open to receive us.

Worship He lavishes grace (Lean hard)