

# Guided by a cloud 45 (Exodus 13:21-22)

As I sang along to the radio in the car this week I started to think about the power of group singing. We have been unable to sing together in worship at Ashley since last March and I have certainly missed it. Even when church was open it felt strange that we were unable to sing together. When you are singing along to worship alone it sometimes feel harder to connect to God or break through the spiritual atmosphere to lift your praise to him. However, singing worship songs can also help us to remember verses in the Bible. They help us take hold of truths and the message of the gospels. We may be singing alone at the moment but by singing out we remember who we are in Christ and what he has done for us.



I will sing to  
the LORD all  
my life; I will  
sing praise to  
my God as  
long as I live.

Ps 104:33

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## Worship time

[I am a new creation](#)

[I raise a hallelujah](#)

[You unravel me with a melody](#)

## A composition from the gospel of John 6:28...

The people asked Jesus, "What are the things God wants us to do?" Jesus said, "The work God wants you to do is this; to believe in the one that God sent . . . My Father gives you the

true bread from heaven. God's bread is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." The people said, "Sir, give us this bread always." Then Jesus said, "I am the bread that gives life. He who comes to me will never be hungry. He who believes in me will never be thirsty . . . I tell you the truth. He who believes has eternal life. I am the bread that gives life . . . Here is the bread that comes down. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh. I will give my flesh so that the people in the world may have life."

"I tell you the truth. You must eat the flesh of the Son of Man. And you must drink his blood . . . Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him . . . I am the bread that came down from heaven. He who eats this bread will live forever." The followers said, "This is a hard saying, who can accept it."

Part of what Jesus was saying to his crowd of followers is, how serious are you? Can you follow me even when you don't understand my words? In verse 68 Peter said, "Lord where would we go, You have the words that give eternal life. We believe in you." Peter is saying, we don't understand either, but we trust you, because by faith we know who you really are.

This bread and wine represents to us the body and blood of Jesus. No how matter how much we know, or how much we can understand these symbols, this reality remains a holy mystery to us. There is only one choice open to us, we have to receive the sacrifice of Jesus by way of our faith. Romans 4:25 says, "Jesus was given to die for our sins. And he was raised from death to make us right with God. We have been made right with God because of our faith."

**Communion** *The LORD Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>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." 1Cor 11:23-25*

**Prayer** Lord we have received you into our hearts by faith alone, we now receive your body and blood by faith. Thank you for your sacrifice upon the cross. Help us to live out our lives for you, and for your kingdom, by faith. Amen

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