



St Francis of Assisi Parish



REFLECTION

HOW THE TWELVE APOSTLES TAUGHT THE “EUCHARIST”

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated as follows: Over the Cup, we give thanks to the Father, for the Holy Vine of David, which God made known to us through Jesus, the Son and Servant. To you O God, be glory forever. Over the broken Bread, we give to the Father for the life and the knowledge which has been revealed to us through Jesus, the Son and Servant. To you O God be glory forever. As this broken bread is scattered on the mountains was gathered and became One, so too may the Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into One kingdom. For glory and power are yours O God, through Jesus Christ forever.

Do not let anyone eat or drink of this Eucharist except those who have been baptised in the name of the Lord. For the Lord said: "Do not give what is holy to dogs." (Matthew 7:6).

Once you finish the Eucharistic meal, we offer thanks: "We thank you Holy Father, for your name which you enshrined in our hearts. We thank you for the knowledge and faith and immortality which you have revealed to us through your Son Jesus. To you be glory forever."

The Almighty Father has created all things for the sake of his name. He gave all food and drink so that all might give him thanks. Now he has favoured us through his Son and Servant Jesus with spiritual food and drink as well as with eternal life. Above all we thank him because he is Almighty. "To you O Father be glory forever."

So, we pray: "Remember Lord your Church and deliver her from all evil. Perfect her in your love and once she has been sanctified, gather her together from the four winds into the kingdom which you have prepared for her. For power and glory are yours forever. May grace come and the world pass away. Hosanna to the God of David. If anyone is holy let him come. If anyone is not holy, let him repent." Maranatha.

On the Lord's Day when you gather together, break the Bread and celebrate the Eucharist. But first confess your sins so that your offering may be pure. If anyone has a quarrel with his neighbour, that person should not join you until he has been reconciled. Your sacrifice must not be defiled. For the Lord has said: "In every place and time offer me a pure sacrifice. I am a great King and my name is great among nations."

Please Read.....1 Corinthians 10:16-22.

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