Communion #1

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus, saying, "He was <u>despised</u> and r<u>ejected</u>— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief.

We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was <u>despised</u>, and we did not care.

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

But he was <u>pierced</u> for our rebellion, <u>crushed</u> for our sins. He was <u>beaten</u> so we could be whole. He was <u>whipped</u> so we could be healed.

All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all." (Isaiah 53:3–6 NLT)

<u>Song Leader:</u> Communion Song, while the <u>ushers</u> pass out the elements, mentioning for everyone to hold their elements, so we can all partake together.

The Body (Bread)

- 1 Corinthians 11:29,30, says that "...many are weak and sickly" because of "...not discerning the Lord's body."
- Jesus "...took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses" (Matthew 8:17). "By whose stripes you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was <u>betrayed</u> took bread;

And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,

Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

(Pause & Eat)

The Blood (Juice)

- God remembers our sins no more, Jere. 31:34.
- He cast all our sins into the depths of the sea, Mic. 7:19.
- He cast all our sins behind His back, Isa. 38:17.
- He removed our sins as far as the East is from the West, Psa. 103:12.

"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, NKJV).

(Pause & Drink)

(Communion Song continues...)