

Lk 22:7 Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed.

22:8 And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat."

22:9 So they said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare?"

22:10 And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters.

22:11 "Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

22:12 "Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready."

22:13 So they went and found it just as He had said to them, and they prepared the Passover.

22:14 When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him.

22:15 Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

22:16 "for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

22:17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves;

22:18 "for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

22:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

22:21 "But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table.

22:22 "And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

22:23 Then they began to question among themselves, which of them it was who would do this thing.

From today's sermon.

Last week we heard the words, "The Lord wants his ass. Untie it and draw it. The Lord needs us, He wants us, and He has untied us from the bonds of sin through the redemption of His Son.

Today again, the Lord with authority entrusted His disciples with the words, "The teacher asks where is the room for the Passover meal with the disciples," and He did indeed lead them to the room for the Passover meal.

The Lord is looking for a room. Are we preparing a room for the Lord to come and stay? Are

we not turning people away at the door?

The Passover lamb is to be hoisted on the day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. The Passover lamb must be slaughtered. The Lord takes bread and wine and eats with His disciples. He told them to make it a memorial to Me. The Lord said, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6). He said, "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

As the very Passover Lamb, He was sacrificed to bring death from us, and He died to be our life and flesh and blood. He offered Himself as food and drink to give us life. We wish to always commemorate and communicate this person.

Good morning, everyone. It was a white world again yesterday morning. It was about minus 4 degrees Celsius from last night to this morning. I hope everyone was well.

Last week, we were told, "The Lord wants the ass. Untie it and pull it out. The Lord needed us, He wanted us, and He untied us from the bonds of sin through the redemption of His Son. Jesus weeps for Jerusalem, knowing what tragedy awaits her in the future because of her stubbornness. And Jesus, who spoke passionately for the people of God, saying, "It is written, 'My house should be a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves," and cleansed the temple. The people welcomed him with enthusiasm, but the more they did so, the more the envy and murderous intent of the chief priests and scribes flared up.

The preceding verses of today's scriptures read, "22:2 The chief priests and the scribes and Pharisees were jealous of Jesus.

22:2 The chief priests and the scribes were planning to kill Jesus somehow. 22:3 And it came to pass, that the twelve were afraid of him, because they were afraid of the people.

22:3 Then Satan entered into Judas, one of the twelve disciples, who was called Iscariot.

22:4 That is, he went to the chief priests and the keepers of the temple to confer with them about how he should give Jesus to them.

22:5 And they gladly made an arrangement to give the money to Judas.

22:6 Judas agreed to it. And he was looking for an opportunity to deliver Jesus when the crowds were not around.

Then there are the words of this verse 7.

22:7 Now the day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb should be hoisted, had come,

The Passover lamb should be slaughtered. On the occasion of the Passover, just as the lamb had to be slaughtered and butchered for the blood to be applied to the duckweed, the time has come for the Passover lamb, Jesus, to be slaughtered.

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

22:7 Now the day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread had come, when the Passover lamb should be hoisted,

22:8 And Jesus sent Peter and John on an errand, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal.

22:9 They said, "Where should we make the preparations?"

22:10 Jesus said, "When you enter the city, you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him to the house where he is staying,

22:11 Say to the master of the house, "The teacher asks you where is the place where you and your disciples will eat the Passover meal together.

22:12 Then the master will show you the upstairs hall where the seats are arranged, and you should prepare there.

22:13 When the disciples went out, they found that it was as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal.

It was indeed as the Lord had said again. There is provision on the mountain of the Lord. In His authority, neither He nor His disciples lack anything.

Following the previous child-carriage, next is the upstairs hall. When the Lord said, "The teacher is asking where is the sitting room for the Passover meal with the disciples," the place was again given.

The Lord is asking for a room. Are we preparing a room for Him to come and stay? Are we not turning people away at the door?

On the first floor of a house, there is traffic, livestock, and bustle. But here we have a secluded, well-seated upstairs hall, a spacious, quiet upstairs hall. Are we offering that quiet, spacious, inner room of our hearts to the Lord? Are we welcoming the Lord carelessly in the midst of the terrible noise, smiling affectionately on the surface, and hoping that He will return when the time is right after a while?

Revelation 3:15 I know thy works, that thou hast done them. You are neither cold nor hot.

Rather, I want you to be cold or hot.

3:16 Thus being neither hot nor cold nor lukewarm, I will spit thee out of my mouth.

3:17 For thou art rich, and thyself rich. You say that you are rich and have no want, but you do not realize that you yourself are the wretched, the merciful, the poor, the blind, and the naked.

3:18 Therefore I exhort you. Buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich; and white robes, that you may be clothed, that you may not be ashamed of your nakedness. And buy eye drops for your eyes, that you may see.

3:19 For I rebuke and chasten all whom I love; but I do not rebuke and chasten those whom I love. Therefore be zealous and repent.

3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

3:21 He who gains the victory, let him sit with me on my throne. Just as I have triumphed and taken my place with my Father.

3:22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Are we providing room in our hearts for the Lord? How do we welcome our Lord, God the Authority, God the Creator, and what throne do we show Him?

22:14 When the hour was come, Jesus took his seat at the table, and the apostles with him.

22:15 Jesus said to them, "It has been my earnest desire to have this Passover meal with you before I suffer.

22:16 I tell you, I will not eat this Passover meal again until the Passover is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus was eagerly awaiting this time. He was waiting for this time to eat the Passover meal with His disciples. He took bread and wine and shared them with His disciples as a memorial to Himself. Before He suffered, He was waiting for them to do so, so that they would not forget that He is the true bread and wine.

John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of it shall live forever. The bread I give is my flesh which I give for the life of the world.

6:53 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and

drink his blood, you have no life in you.

6:54 He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

6:55 My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

6:56 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood is in me, and I in him.

6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth me shall live by me.

6:58 For the bread that came down from heaven is not as though our fathers had eaten and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever."

The Lord was pleased to be the atoning sacrifice for us. He was willing to take His own flesh to the cross and pour out His own blood to be the sacrifice and cleansing. And He instituted this production so that His disciples would not forget the fact of His love and the certainty of His salvation.

22:16 I tell you, I will never again have this Passover meal until the Passover is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.

22:17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, saying, "Take it, and divide it among yourselves, and drink.

22:18 I tell you, from now until the coming of the kingdom of God, I will not drink anything made from the fruit of the vine.

22:19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and set it before him, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

22:20 After the meal, He did the same with the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant made in My blood, which is poured out for you.

I will not eat this Passover meal again until the Kingdom of God comes and I eat and drink with my disciples in heaven. And when I see you again, we will eat a joyous meal together, and you will continue to do so until you see me again, He said.

He offered His body and blood as a sacrifice for the Passover and for the atonement for sins. We are to commemorate our Redeemer, the Lamb of Atonement sent by God the Father.

22:21 But there is one there who betrays me, who lays his hand on the table with me.

22:22 And the Son of man shall go away, as it is appointed. But he who betrays the Son of Man, woe to him!

22:23 The disciples began to argue with one another, wondering which one of them was going to do such a thing.

The disciples looked at each other, wondering who had betrayed them. The disciples are looking for the culprit. The disciples, who were trying to find fault with one another, saying that they had done no such thing and who was the betrayer, were acting as if they wanted to show themselves off as superior to others. This is clearly depicted in the next 24 verses.

22:24 Then a dispute arose among them, saying, Who is the greatest among them?

Truly, they are all unrighteous and immature, unable to do the will of the Lord. For these disciples, the Lord took a washcloth and washed the soles of their feet. He taught them to serve one another, to forgive one another, to be good to one another, and to increase their virtue.

I desire to live in Christ. What did the Lord long for? He wanted to be the stone He left behind for His name, to be the atoning sacrifice, to break His flesh and shed His blood to become flesh and blood and life for His disciples, and to engrave His warm table and the memorial of His love on their hearts.

We are told that the disciples later inscribed these words like the words of a hymn and even added verses to the song so that they would not forget this feeling of Jesus.

Philippians 2:1 Therefore, if you have any encouragement from Christ, encouragement of love, fellowship of the Spirit, zeal and compassion,

2:2 Be ye of the same mind, and of the same love; be ye of one mind, and of one heart, and of one mind, and ye shall fill me with joy.

2:3 Do not do anything out of partisanship or vanity, but in humility of mind make one another better than yourselves.

2:4 Consider not yourselves only, but also others.

2:5 Let the same mind be in you that is in Christ Jesus.

2:6 For though Christ was in the form of God, do not consider equality with God a thing to

be adhered to; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect in the sight of God,

2:7 Instead, He humiliated Himself and took the form of a servant, taking the form of a man.

2:8 And he abased himself, and was not like unto man,

2:8 He humbled Himself, and was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God exalted him, and gave him a name above every name.

2:10 For at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things on earth, and things under the earth,

2:11 And that every tongue might confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord," and return glory to God the Father.

It is our earnest desire, too, to love Jesus, to commemorate Him, to remember Him always in our hearts, and to keep His words in the way He lives.

◇Prayer; Heavenly Father, we thank you for today's worship. Jesus earnestly desired the Passover meal, the sacrament of Holy Communion, so that we would not forget that He always lives in our hearts and that He always lives in us. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that sincerity and love of yours. I will open the hall of my heart for Him, so please come in. Thank you for always being with me, speaking to me, encouraging me, guiding me, and protecting me. Please lead all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people in our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.