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Do this in remembrance of me (See Luke 22:18-20)

Remembering is a funny thing. We might be in the same place as someone else but remember it in a different way. A smell from childhood can take you back to being in a school dining hall all over again. As someone who went into Oakmeadow quite a few times, I can tell you it smelt exactly like my primary school!

And how often do we actively remember something? It is an especially common thing to do amongst old friends, 'Do you remember when..?' and together you go back to a past event -often there is a smile playing about the lips as you remember something silly (like the God and Jesus game I played on my friends climbing frame – you slid down the blue slide (the sky) to become Jesus!?)

Remembering is important. We have the sacrament of communion as a way of tangibly remembering Jesus. There's a physical action, it involves touch, taste and community, all coming together so that we might 'Do this remembrance of me.'

There is a sense of loss as we're not physically meeting together at the moment, but that doesn't stop us being able to remember Jesus and it doesn't stop us being a community and remembering each other. Our services, with or without communion remind us of God's work for us as a people, not just me as an individual.

'Do this in remembrance of me' should remind us not only of our relationship with Jesus, but of our relationship with each other. And although we currently aren't sharing bread and wine together, we can hold each other before God. We can remember that Jesus didn't just die for us as an individual, but he died for all. The ground at the cross is level ground, we are all equal in the eyes of God.

To do this in remembrance of Christ means we take action - action that sees us loving like Jesus. We love and accept and pray for one another regardless of differences. We remember that Jesus loved his people enough to die for them (us) and that leads to our taking action to love each other in that same way. That's truly doing communion in remembrance of Jesus.

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May you feel close to God as you remember him this week.

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