

# The Memorial



We are all part of the history which began with the creation of the world, and which will be complete at the Parousia. At that time the Kingdom of God will be established in its fullness

During this history, God and humanity have been collaborating on great works together. In this way, God shows his care and love for us all.

In addition to creation, some of the other works of history are:

- The call of the patriarchs in the person of Abraham;
- The liberation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt; and
- The coming of Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who died and is risen, who defeated death forever and who gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

All of these are great and beautiful deeds, but I was not present when they happened.

Is it possible for me to participate in them?

Was the love of God shown in these deeds not for me?

Was I born too late?

Let us remember what Jesus said and did during the Last Supper when he celebrated his Passover with his apostles. We know that he took bread and wine and said"

"This is my body which will be given up for you."

"This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and from many."

In the Last Supper, Jesus was celebrating his death, which will take place the next day, and his victory over death. These are the events through which he gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit. In his Last Supper, Jesus summarised all of the events of the days of Passover, offering himself to God, his Father, and to all humanity:

"Take and eat."

"Take and drink."

On the same night, Jesus said:

**"Do this in memory of me."**

When he said these words, he taught us how to make his gift always present, through all generations of history, so that we could all enjoy it and participate until the Parousia.



So:

I was not born too late!

I can participate in the gift  
that Jesus offers all of us, of  
himself, in the Eucharist!

