

When David was told that all of his sons had been killed by Absalom¹, he tore his clothes to reveal the anguish in his heart. God's anguish was shown in a similar way when His son died, as the veil of the temple was ripped in two². But His great Love for mankind as also revealed.

As the Holy of Holies represented hidden things of the Old Testament, the ripping of the temple veil revealed a new age, a new covenant, and a new kingdom. God allowed His son to be broken for us so that His Love could shine through³. It was like the dawn breaking for those who endured a long, dark night⁴.

Paul writes that when we turn to the Lord, the veil covering our own hearts is taken away⁵. As such we reveal our own love for Him as we let our own light shine⁶. We memorialize that love in this communion.

1. 2 Samuel 13:30-32 – it wasn't true, only Amnon was killed
2. Luke 23:44-45
3. In the new covenant God punched huge holes all over the cathedral walls in order to flood in unprecedented light from the covenant of grace. (David Murray)
4. Matthew 4:16
5. 2 Corinthians 3:14-15
6. Matthew 5:15-16