

Bread:

In the movie "It's a Wonderful Life," one of the greatest scenes is where the whole town comes to support George Bailey, who was in big trouble.

They gave to him of themselves because he had made such a difference in their lives.

It is such an emotional and uplifting moment.

But then I think that one much greater than he was taken outside the city and hung on a cross, and almost no one was there to help.

There was no groundswell of support to save Him, and He died feeling forsaken even by God.

But think of the millions of followers who have come to Him since.

As we come to this table, we too are giving of ourselves in thanksgiving because of the difference he made in our lives.

Fruit of the Vine:

We return to the thought of Christ dying outside the city. We read in Hebrews 13:12-13: *... Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. **Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.***

Christ made the difficult journey to become as a man and die for us.

He accomplished this without falling to sin even once, but He ended up bearing the disgrace of **our** sins.

The idea of going outside the camp to share in this disgrace is very powerful.

I am reminded of Thomas, who said, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." (John 11:16)

We now must say, "Let us go to Him, that we may **live** with Him."

In this communion we pledge to go to Him; outside the camp, outside the world, wherever He goes.

Sing a song that emphasizes the going to Him, or Coming to Him

Where He Leads, I will Follow