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**A Celebration Of Messy Communion**

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**Leader:** We're about to celebrate a special meal together, as Jesus' friends have done for thousands of years. If you are able, say, "We're ready!" to the questions I am about to ask.

Are you ready to celebrate?

**All:** *We're ready!*

**Leader:** We're about to do what Jesus told us to do to remember him. Are you ready to remember him?

**All:** *We're ready!*

**Leader** In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

are you ready?

**All:** *We're ready!*

**Leader:** The table needs to be got ready for our special

remembering meal. Let's bring to the table the things that we need.

*Prayers are brought to the table*

**Leader:** We bring all our prayers to this table

**All:** ***And trust in our loving Father***

*A candle is brought to the table and lit*

**Leader:** Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness."

**All**: *May the light of Jesus shine through us*

*The bread and juice is brought to the table*

**Leader:** Jesus told us to remember him through eating and drinking this meal

**All:** *We invite the Holy Spirit to this celebration*

*A cross is brought to the table*

**Leader:** The cross reminds us that we need to be ready on the inside too, we need to say sorry to God for the wrong things we have done and for all the good things we haven't done. In a moment of quiet, let

us tell God of what we are sorry for and ask for his forgiveness

Dear God, we are very sorry for the wrong things we

have done. For forgiving us all

**All:** *Thank you Lord*

**Leader:** Now we are ready to remember Jesus. Father God, we remember that on the night before he died, Jesus had supper with his friends. Taking some bread, he praised you, broke the bread, gave

it to them and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Eat this and remember me." When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to his friends and said, "This is my blood, and with it God makes his new agreement with you. Drink this and remember me."

**All:** *Jesus has died, Jesus is risen, Jesus will come again.*

*Bread and juice is shared out*

**Leader:** The body of our Lord Jesus Christ broken for us all.

**All**: *Amen*

**Leader:** The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ shed for us all.

**All:** *Amen*

*Music*

**Leader:** Dear God, for all you give us

**All:** *Thank you, Lord*

**Leader:** For giving us our family to love and to love us

**All:** *Thank you, Lord*

**Leader:** For giving us yourself

**All:** *Thank you, Lord*