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What is the ordinance of the Lord's Table?

While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins (NASB; Matthew 26:26-28).

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ (NASB; I Cor. 10:16)?

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes (NASB; I Cor. 11:26).

The ordinance of the Lord's Table is our eating and drinking of bread and the fruit of the vine in fellowship together, in order to proclaim the Lord's death, and to testify to our own individual partaking of all its saving benefits.



Who may partake of the Lord's Table?

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life (NASB; Romans 6:3-4).

Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged (NASB; I Corinthians 11:27-31).

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us (NASB; I John 1:9-10).

Those who may partake of the Lord's Table are those baptized believers who have examined themselves to ensure that they have confessed to their Lord all known sin and have purposed anew to walk in all loving obedience to Him.





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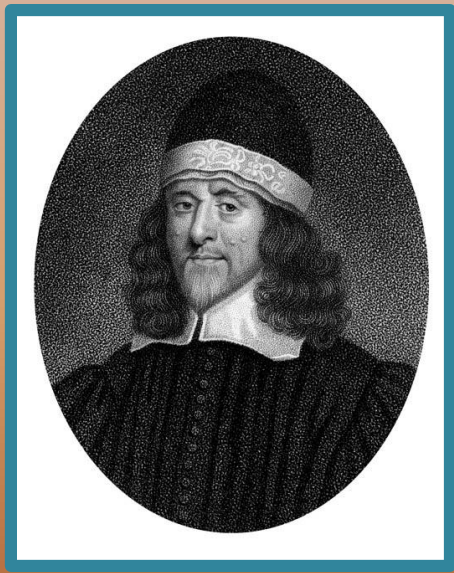
*I will heare what God the Lord will speake : for He wil
speake peace unto His people, and to his Saints : but let
them not turne againe to folly.*

The Coherence of the words.

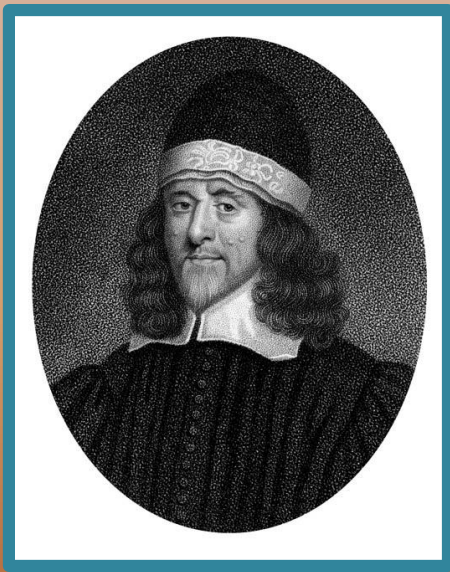


His PSALME was penned, in
the name and for the comfort of
the whole Church of the Jews,
both as a Prophecy of, and a
Prayer for their returne out of
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the flowing in againe of that
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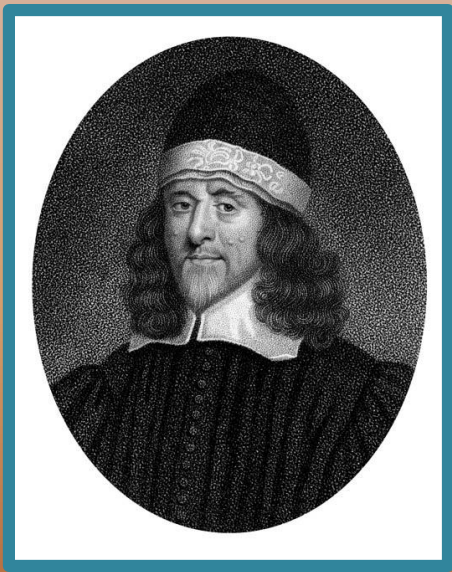


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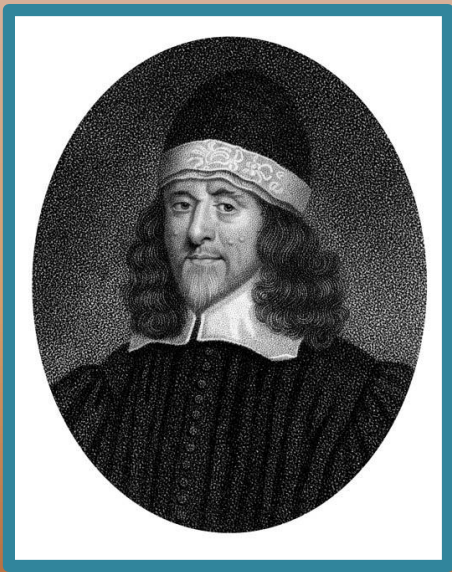
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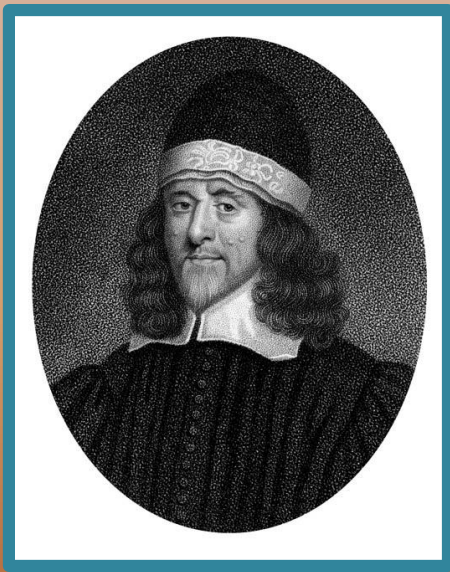


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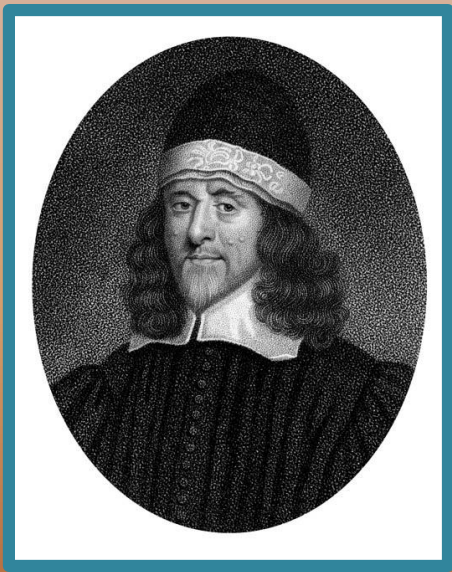
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 - your walk with God
 - your kind of praying



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Illustration: Hannah (I Samuel 2)

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Two, bring leanness to your soul

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a wasting disease among them (NASB)

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- 2 It encourages you to go to God again.**

*We would not thank a beggar
who informed us that because
we had granted his request he
would never cease to beg of us.*

--C. H. Spurgeon

Psalm 116:1-2

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- 2 It encourages you to go to God again.
- 3 **It enables you to exalt God, to glorify Him.**











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I desire that it may be yet more abundantly manifest that God is still the Hearer and Answerer of prayer, and that he is the living God now as he ever was and ever will be. . .

This last consideration is the most important point in my mind. The Lord's honour is the principle point with me in this whole matter. . .

. . . and just because this is the case, if He would be more glorified by not going forward in this business, I should by His grace be perfectly content to give up all thoughts about another Orphan House.

*Call upon Me in the day of
trouble; I will deliver you,
and . . .*

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and you shall glorify Me.*

Psalm 50:15

John 15:7-8

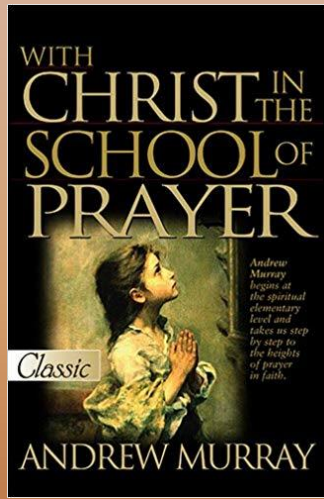
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CHRIST IN THE
SCHOOL OF
PRAYER

Classic



*Andrew
Murray
begins at
the spiritual
elementary
level and
takes us step
by step to
the heights
of prayer
in faith.*

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It is as we enter into sympathy with Jesus on this point, and gratify Him in making the Father's glory our chief object in prayer too, that our prayer cannot fail of an answer.

