

Where's Your Chair?

Reference



You make grass to grow for the cattle and plants to meet our needs,
bringing forth food from the earth and wine to gladden our hearts,
oil to give us a cheerful countenance and bread to strengthen our hearts.

Psalm 104:15-17

Praising:

Jesus stand among us at the
breaking of the bread,
join us as one body as we
worship you, our head.
O Jesus, we love you, so we
gather here,
join our hearts in unity and take
away our fear.

Reading:

Acts 20:1-12

Paul encourages the believers

Paul's role as spiritual
encourager continues. He leaves
Macedonia, makes his way
around the Christian communities
of Philippi, and undertakes his
final, three months visit to Greece
(Corinth). His plan to go to Syria
is thwarted by a Jewish plot on
his life, another reminder of just
what a threat the apostle's co-
religionists imagine him to be. It's

at a meeting of the disciples in
Troas that one of the most
memorable and amusing
incidents of Paul's ministry takes
place. Less amusing for
Eutychus, the young man who
falls out of the window, having
presumably failed in his effort to
stay awake for Paul's lengthy
late-night oratory. Seemingly
unperturbed at what has
happened, especially once
Eutychus has recovered, Paul
does again what comes naturally
to him and the rest of the
disciples: he breaks bread.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord you come to us as we break
the bread and share the cup

- to encourage us with your
presence and remind us that
death has been destroyed
- to show us that in Christ we
are forgiven and welcome for
ever at your table
- to give us a foretaste of the joy
and peace we will know with
you in heaven

Father: thank you for those who
have encouraged me, walked
with me, prayed for me, shown
me the way and picked me up
when I have fallen. May I do the
same for someone else. Amen

Doing:

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