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“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.” John 6 : 47-51

Jesus is the Bread of Life, those who believe in Him have everlasting life. Jesus goes on to say that the manna given by God to their ancestors in the wilderness only sustained their physical hunger but it did not provide everlasting life. Jesus came to supply the bread (Himself) that would give everlasting life. He said, ‘I am the bread of life’. The use of the words ‘I Am’ caused anger among the Jews because this was what God told Moses was His name:

“Moses said to God, ‘Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they ask me, “What is his name?” Then what shall I tell them?’

“God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I AM has sent me to you.”’

“God also said to Moses, ‘Say to the Israelites, “The LORD, the God of your fathers - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob - has sent me to you.” This is my name for ever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’ Exodus 3 : 13-15

The Jews were astounded! Was Jesus comparing Himself to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? Or worse, to the Almighty God? In the last phrase that Jesus used He said ‘The bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.’ Whenever I hear these words I think of Communion. I can say, like many believers, that I am longing for the time when we can meet to celebrate Communion together again, to remember our Lord and Saviour, to share the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation, to give thanks and praise to Jesus, the bread of life, who feeds, nourishes and sustains us with faith in Him.

Dear Lord, we give thanks that You are the Bread of Life to those who believe, and that whoever comes to you shall not hunger and whoever believes in you shall not thirst. No one can come to you unless the father draws them. We believe in the wonderful promise which you give to us, that you will raise us up on the last day to be with You forever we praise and worship You O Lord. Amen.