

The Blessing

Luke 24: 30-31—“...while (Jesus) was with them at table,
He took bread, **said the blessing**, broke it, and gave
it to them. With that, their eyes were opened,
and they recognized Him...”

-- one may wonder what that Blessing entailed...
-- this exploration of Jesus' blessing includes:

Presence / Praise / Petition / Parting

“the Blessing”

“Dear Father in Heaven,
we know You are always with us—
Your Holy **Presence** is a gift to behold!
You are present in our thoughts,
present in our hearts,
present in our actions.

We **praise You** for your wondrous deeds,
for your abounding mercy
and endless forgiveness.
We praise You for the gift of life,
as You guide and nourish us on our way.

We ask You to bless this meal
and those who prepared it.
Also, **please enliven** all those who hunger
and thirst for the kindness, the goodness
and the Love You give so freely.

Bless our togetherness, here, at this table—
and also bless us in our separateness
when we **part**—to continue our journeys
to serve You—until we meet to gather again.
We ask this in Your Holy Name, Amen.”

Then, Jesus broke the bread...

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