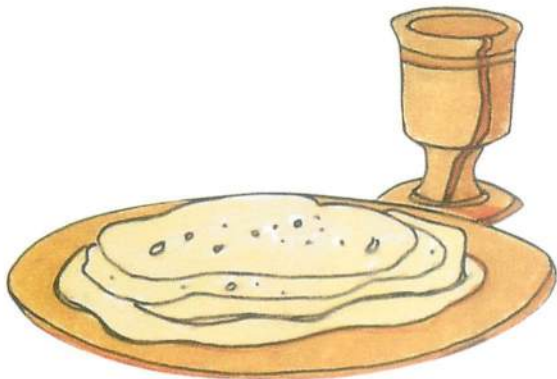# Love One Another

Jesus and his disciples had eaten their last supper together in the upper room. Judas, the traitor, had left to make his deal with the Pharisees to betray Jesus.

"My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me, but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities, 'You cannot go where I am going.' And now I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."
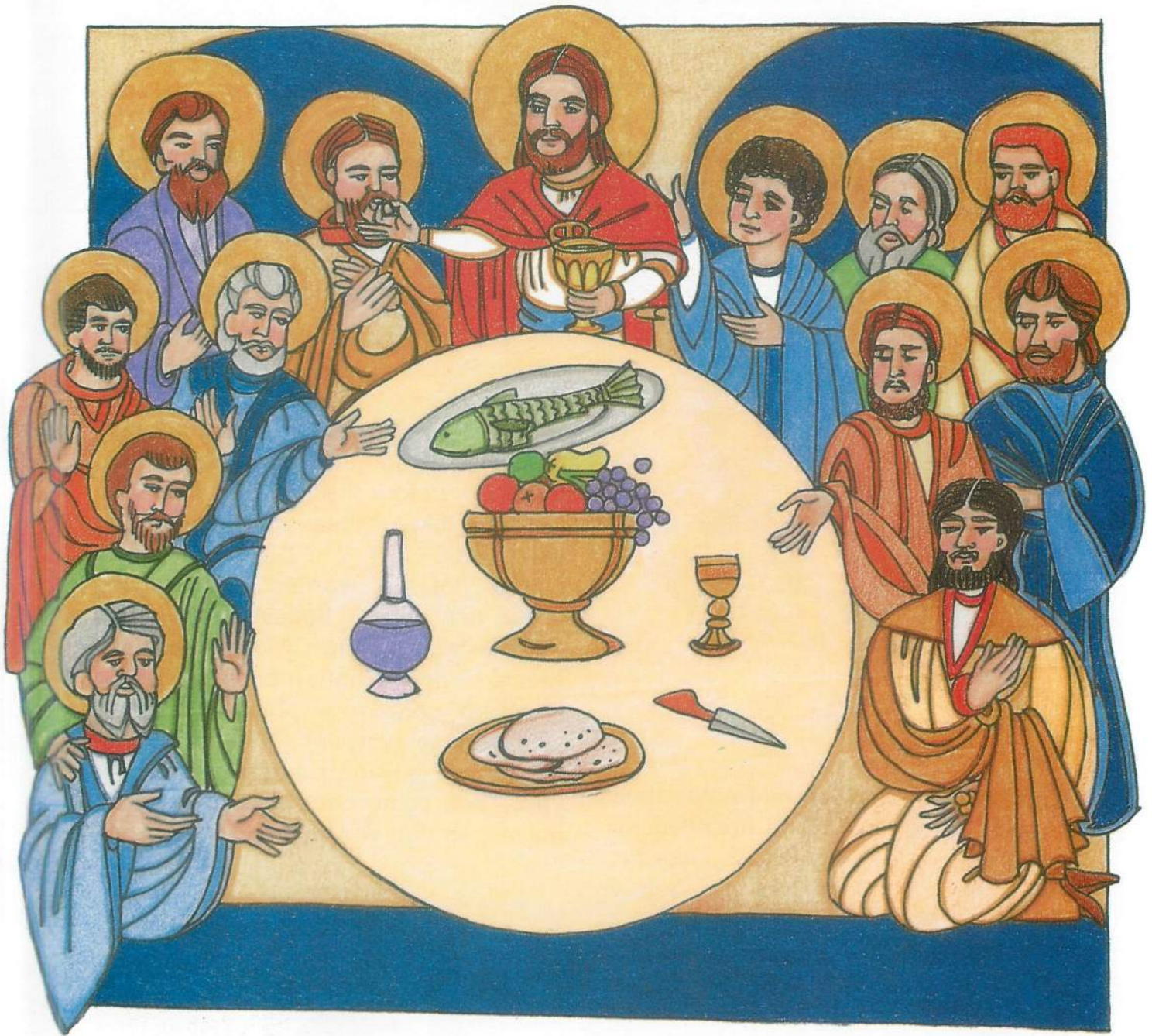
"Where are you going, Lord?" Simon Peter asked him.

"You cannot follow me now where I am going," answered Jesus, "but later you will follow me."

"Lord, why can't I follow you now?" asked Peter. "I am ready to die for you!"

Jesus answered, "Are you really ready to die for me? I am telling you the truth; before the rooster crows you will say three times that you do not know me."

"Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am."

I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains, but if I have no love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned but if I have no love, this does me no good.

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

I Corinthians 13:1-7