Christ’s Presence 
from Called to be God’s People.

We call Salvationists worldwide to rejoice in our freedom to celebrate Christ’s real presence at all our meals and in all our meetings, and to seize the opportunity to explore in our life together the significance of the simple meals shared by Jesus and his friends and by the first Christians.

We affirm that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one true sacrament of God. His incarnation and continuing gracious presence with his people by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit is the mystery at the heart of our faith. We hear our Lord’s command to remember his broken body and his outpoured blood as in our families and in our faith communities we eat and drink together. We affirm that our meals and love feasts are an anticipation of the feasts of eternity, and a participation in that fellowship which is the Body of Christ on earth.

What William Booth said 
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‘Let us do all that we do in remembrance of his dying love. Every act of our life ought to be religious. Every day ought to be a Sabbath in the sense of it being sacred and devoted to the glory of God, and every meal we take ought to be a sacrament.

‘Look not only on the form and ceremonies; read your New Testament, not only with an eye on what I have told you, but settle it in your souls – that the Kingdom of God does not come by might nor by power; for the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, it is not sacraments, nor ceremonials, not forms, not church attendance, not processions, not uniforms. The Kingdom of God is within you. It cometh not by observation. It is not what you can see or hear – the essence of it is not. Outside things may help you. They do help me very much. The countenances of my comrades help me, so do their songs, their faith, their devotion. The crash of a great big meeting, when hearts are yielded and souls are shouting the praises of God, helps me. But the power is not in these things. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.’