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Coordinates:  [31°46′18″N 35°13′44″E](#)

"Upper Room"

This article is about the location of the Last Supper. For the Parisian literary group, see [Cénacle](#).



Cenacle on [Mount Zion](#)

The **Cenacle** (from the [Latin](#) *cenaculum*, "dining room"), also known as the **Upper Room** (from the [Koine Greek](#) *anagáion* and *hyperōion*, both meaning "upper room"), is a room in [Mount Zion](#) in [Jerusalem](#), just outside the [Old City walls](#), traditionally held to be the site of the [Last Supper](#), the final meal that, in the [Gospel](#) accounts, [Jesus](#) held with the [apostles](#).

According to the Christian [Bible](#), the Cenacle was a place in which the [apostles](#) continued to gather after the Last Supper, and it was also the site where the [Holy Spirit](#) alighted upon the eleven apostles on [Pentecost](#).

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CHURCH AND WORSHIP

The Church is a gathering. The word used throughout the New Testament to describe the church is the Greek word ἐκκλησία **Ekklēsia**, the assembly. Sunday by Sunday, we gather symbolically in the Upper Room, **Cenacle**.

It is in the Upper Room that Christ washed the disciples' feet thus giving us the diaconate (office of deacons, servants). It is in the Upper Room that Jesus ate and drank with the disciples at the Last Supper thus instituting the Eucharist. It is in the Upper Room that Christ greets his apostles after the resurrection and breaths on them granting them the authority to forgive sins (office of bishop/priesthood). It is in the Upper Room that tongues of fire descended on those gathered thus inaugurating the work, ministry and mission of the church.

The Anglican Church is a Eucharistic communion that maintains the apostolic mission (to be sent) under the leadership of ordered ministry (bishops, priests and deacons).

Anglican Distinctiveness: Attributes that set us apart

We are a quasi-established church. Our legal framework is the Anglican Church Act, a statute of the provincial legislature. The King is the Defender of the Faith, that's us.

We are geographically and parochially defined. Parishes have territorial boundaries. Parishes are part of dioceses. Dioceses are part of ecclesiastical provinces. Provinces are part of primacies or national churches.

Richard Hooker, 1554-1600, "Of the law of Ecclesiastical Polity", described the Anglican approach as *via media*, the middle way. All rests on three legs: tradition, scripture, and reason.

We have top-down and lateral decision-making (See below). We are episcopal-led and synod governed. On the parochial level, we are rector-led and vestry (parish council) governed.

Incumbents for parishes perform two functions: Rector (ruler) and Priest (intercessor). All incumbent officeholders are clergy.

The *Book of Common Prayer* was the standard Anglican worship text for centuries. As the title indicates, the English Church saw itself united by prayer. A nation and church, like a family, that prays together, stays together. Prayer is a central feature of Anglican piety.

Licensed Lay Ministers serve primarily the church gathered. Currently, Lay Ministers are licensed to a parish under the authority of the bishop to a rector.

The mission of the church gathered is to the scattered. We gather to worship God and to become holy (set apart to do the Lord's work).

Top-Down Decision Making Hierarchy (order)	Lateral Decision Making Bureaucracy (rule from the desk)
Task Oriented (get the job done)	Compliance Oriented (buy in)
Authority Exercised	Process Driven
Stratified & Individuated Players (buck stops here) <u>Office Holders:</u> (Bishops, Clergy, Wardens, Treasurers)	Communal Players (team work, collaboration) <u>Procedural bodies:</u> (Vestry, Parish Council, Synod, Secretaries)
Command Framework	Parliamentary Framework
Martial element: cut through the chaos (fight the good fight)	Consensus element: peace & harmony (goodwill)
Relies on willingness to obey	Relies on willingness to compromise