

A Holy Communion Service for use in your Home

Preparations:

- *Prepare for Holy Communion at a dining room or kitchen table or sit on the floor with young children. You could light a candle or two.*
- *You can choose how you would like to serve and receive the consecrated body and blood.*
- *You could sing a song.*
- *Determine who will read the Leader's words (this could be one person or shared by several people).*

L = Leader

P = the People gathered

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Confession

L. As we prepare for this great gift, let us confess our sins and hear the promise of forgiveness.

Silent reflection

The declaration of grace is said

L. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

P. Amen.

{If there are Readings of the Day they may be read here.}

New Testament Lesson, Gospel Message

Sharing Peace

L. Peace be with you.

P. And also with you.

L. Let us exchange with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

L. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." John 6:35

L. When our congregation gathers for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remember that, "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. 'Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'"

L. We were given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same body and blood, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the communion of the church.

The Lord's Prayer

P. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

The bread and wine are then served with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Upon receiving the bread and wine the recipient may say, "Amen."

Silence for reflection

P. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

L. Let us bless the Lord.

P. Thanks be to God.

L. The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

P. Amen.