



“I will build my church.”
JESUS

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
AUGUST 30, 2020

Sunday Order

1. Arrive and gather as House Church in host home
2. Open in prayer
3. At 10am, log on to YouTube for worship (Comment to let us know you're there!)
4. Watch service (Sing, Listen to the Word, and Engage)
5. Celebrate Communion (See below)
 - a. Pre-Communion Prayer
 - b. Communion Liturgy
 - c. Take the elements as community
6. Reflection Questions as House Church (Attached)
7. Close in Prayer
8. See Prayer Resources

Note: Please silence phones in order to be fully present with one another.

Pre-Communion Prayer

Select one person to read Luke 4:16-20

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Then Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

This is Jesus’ mission statement to the world. Spend a few moments in silent reflection, thinking about how we as the church take on Jesus’ mission on earth.

Leader: move the group into a time of prayer (see next page)

A Prayer for Peace, Purpose, and Power

Read aloud as a community or leader, before moving on to 1 Cor. 11

Lord Jesus, Son of God,

Too often we lack your peace, which surpasses all understanding because we have sought peace elsewhere.

Too often we have not lived out the church's purpose, because we are caught up with programs, events, and methods.

Too often we have neglected the transformative power of the Spirit, instead looking to institutional powers of politics, culture, and success.

Lord, have mercy.

Instead, give us your peace, that we would be people of reconciliation and wholeness in a divided world. May we receive our true purpose as your church, rooted in our identity as disciples and heirs of the Kingdom of God.

And open our hearts to the power of the gospel, to transform our hearts and the church as we proclaim your word and live out your truth.

As we come to the Table to receive the Bread and Cup, remind us of the peace, purpose, and power that is ours in Christ Jesus, by his shed blood and broken body on the cross.

In Jesus' strong name we pray,
Amen.

Communion Liturgy

The leader will give out the Communion elements and begin the Communion liturgy by reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’”

Everyone eats the bread together

“In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.”

Everyone, together, drinks the cup

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What stirred in you today as we explored the mission of Jesus?
2. What are some unique challenges that we face during this cultural moment that make it difficult to live out the mission of Jesus?
3. In what ways are you encouraged by today's teaching? What has awakened in you?

Concluding Prayer

As we end our time together as House Churches, let us conclude with one final prayer, sealing up these things in our hearts and lives:

For the Mission of the Church

From The Book of Common Prayer

After this prayer, be dismissed and have a great Sunday!

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ:
Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.