



“I will build my church.”
JESUS

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
OCTOBER 11, 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. Pastor Adam's Sermon References

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

Pre-Communion Prayer

Select three people to read Deuteronomy 10:17-19, Acts 10:34-35, and Mark 12:29-31.

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt (Deuteronomy 10:17-19).

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him” (Acts 10:34-35).

Jesus answered, “The most important [command] is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:29-31).

Spend a few moments reflecting on these passages. Ask God in silent prayer how these passages speak to you and ask the Lord to draw to mind times when you implicitly or explicitly showed partiality. Ask Jesus to lead you in small ways to love your neighbor and what that looks like for your life and context.

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

Prayer to Address the Sin of Racism¹

Adapted from usccb.org

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

We pray for healing to address
The persistent sin of racism
Which rejects the full humanity
Of some of your children,
And the talents and potential You have given.

We pray for the grace to recognize
The systems that do not support
The dignity of every person,
That do not promote respect
For those who are seen as other,
Who bear the legacy of centuries
Of discrimination, fear, and violence.

Lord of all, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers.

Give us eyes to see how the past
Has shaped the complex present,
And to perceive how we must create
A new way forward,
With a new sense of community
That embraces and celebrates
The rich diversity of all,
That helps us live out your call to reject
The sin of racism, the stain of hate,
And to seek a compassionate solidarity
Supported by Your grace and Your love.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. 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.

¹ The full, original version can be found [here](#).

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. What stood out to you in Adam's teaching today?
2. What was the most challenging thing you heard? How might this spur you into action?
3. What might it practically look like for you—in your own life and context—to honor those who have experienced racism and to love them as your neighbor? How can you “get your hands dirty,” so to speak?

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:

Ending Prayer

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

Lord,

As we come to the ending of our formal worship together, may we store up these things in our hearts and continue in worship in the recesses of our souls.

Protect us against the enemy of partiality and racism. Grant us unity and love for neighbor,

Towards one another.

Towards the stranger.

Towards ourselves.

Amen.

Pastor Adam's Sermon References

[*The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*](#) book by Jemar Tisby

[“Structural Racism: The Child of Structural Pride”](#) article by John Piper