



“I will build my church.”
JESUS

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
OCTOBER 18, 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 Revelation 7:9-11 and 1 John 3:16-18.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God... (*Revelation 7:9-11*).

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother or sister in need, yet closes his heart against them, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (*1 John 3:16-18*).

Spend a few moments reflecting on these passages. Think on how we are to love others by seeking racial reconciliation in word and deed because of the compelling vision of the Church's future.

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

Prayer for Justice and Unity

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

Jesus our Brother,

It was through your life, death, and resurrection that you revealed to us God's love and vision for all humanity.

May we encounter you in the faces that our society has neglected, ignored, and pushed aside.

In your love, shepherd us in the way of justice and righteousness—even in the same way that you yourself taught us; that people of all tribes, tongues, and races may dwell in unity and peace.

May we, your church, be bound together in perfect love, that we would be salt and light to a divided world in need of healing.

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

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 stood out to you in Adam's teaching today?
2. As a Christian, why do you think racial reconciliation is so imperative for our witness to the broader culture?
3. Out of the three steps that Adam talked about—awareness, relationships, and commitment—what step would you say you're on? How are you compelled by the Gospel to take the next step?

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

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

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near:

Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and be quick in the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Pastor Adam's Sermon References

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