



“I will build my church.”
JESUS

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
OCTOBER 25, 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

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

Pre-Communion Prayer

Select two people to read 1 Timothy 6:12 and 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. (1 Timothy 6:12)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Spend a few moments reflecting on these passages. Think about how we are encouraged to “fight” and be resilient in our faith until the very end and how the Apostle Paul serves as an example of this.

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

Prayer for Resilience

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

Father, Son, Holy Spirit,

It is in the Bread and the Cup that we experience the ultimate act of trust—when you, Jesus, held fast to the promise of your resurrection and ours.

Heavenly Father, grant us resilience when our circumstances seem to be ever-shifting.

Lord Jesus, supply us trust when following *our* way, to *our* version of life, seems easier than following *your* way, which leads to true, abundant life.

Holy Spirit, pour into us a reservoir of resilience when weakness overcomes us and the wide road to destruction looks desirable.

May we be people who drink deeply from the waters of life to become the Church that seeks to trust in you in every circumstance.

Jesus, we trust in you.

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 Christopher’s teaching today?
2. What makes it so hard to have a resilient faith—especially during 2020 and this season?
3. What does a resilient, faithful community look like? In what areas in your life can you be a more resilient disciple?

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:

Our Father

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your 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 the evil one.

*For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever!*

Amen.