



“I will build my church.”
JESUS

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
OCTOBER 4, 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 one person to read Ephesians 2:1-22.

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. *But God*, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. *Therefore* remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. *But now in Christ Jesus* you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so

making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Spend a few moments reflecting on this passage. Ask God in silent prayer how this passage speaks to our relationship with God and because of that, heals the relationship between us and other people groups in the Church.

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

Prayer for the Unity of the Universal Church

From The Book of Common Prayer

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

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior,
the Prince of Peace:

Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions;
take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us
from godly union and concord;

that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one
God and Father of us all, so we may be all
of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth
and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and
one mouth glorify you;

through Jesus 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.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Was there anything that you learned from Pastor David's story and experiences?
2. Why do you think it is important for us to hear the stories of others who have different experiences than we do?
3. We are often quick to speak and slow to listen. What are some practices we can do together to become people who listen well to the stories and experiences of others?

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 Social Justice

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

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

Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace to fearlessly contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom to help us employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pastor Adam's Sermon References

[The Racist History of Portland: The Whitest City in America](#) article in *The Atlantic*

[The Bible and Race](#) article by Timothy Keller

[The Sin of Racism](#) article by Timothy Keller