



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
JANUARY 10, 2021

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 one person to read Mark 2:13-17.

Jesus went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And Levi rose and followed him. And as Jesus reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does Jesus eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Reflect on this passage. Notice how Jesus' gospel mission is the same here as the passage in Luke 19. The invitation here is to humble ourselves and see our need for The Great Physician, Jesus Christ.

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

Prayer to the Crucified Christ

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

Read aloud as a community or leader.

Lord Jesus,

You stretched out your arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name.

Amen.

Communion Liturgy

The leader will give out the Communion elements and begin the 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? What emotions did you feel during the sermon? What in the sermon caused you to feel this way?
2. Notice how Zacchaeus, upon eating with Jesus, felt compelled to give to the poor. What does this show us? What is the connection between Zacchaeus' giving to the poor and Jesus' declaration of his 'salvation'?
3. In verse seven, we hear of the crowds "grumbling." Examine your life: have there been any moments recently when you judged someone because they did not fit the "Christian mold" so to speak? What's the Holy Spirit inviting you to do in light of this and the story of Zacchaeus?

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.

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

The Epiphany

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.