



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH  
SUNDAY LITURGY  
JANUARY 17, 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 Philippians 2:5-11 or also known as "The Christ Hymn."*

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

*Reflect on this passage in silence. Meditate on the royal imagery being used in reference to Jesus' return.*

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

## **Prayer for the Restorative Judgement of Christ**

Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Read aloud as a community or leader.*

Heavenly Father,

Your will is to restore all things, by uniting the heavens and earth back together through your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ—the King of kings and Lord of lords.

We pray that in mercy you would free us and all peoples and all creation from the sin that divides and enslaves us;

and in being set free, we would all be brought together under Christ's most gracious rule, and therefore be a people formed and prepared for a reception of an imperishable inheritance.

In the name of Jesus Christ—who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Eric's teaching? What emotions do you remember feeling during the sermon? What in the sermon caused you to feel this way?
2. How did you receive this text and teaching? How were you convicted or challenged by it? Put another way, in what way(s) is the Spirit of God inviting you to change?
3. This parable from Jesus is not a teaching about money or investment. It is a parable about the Gospel and the nature of Jesus' kingdom and rule. How have you "invested" in the Gospel? What are some successes and failures?

### **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!*

### **A Prayer For Peace**

Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*

Eternal God,

In whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn

but the sword of righteousness; no strength known but the

strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit in our Nation,

State, and Capitol, that all peoples of the United States may be gathered

under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father;

to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever.

Amen.