



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
JANUARY 24, 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 Psalm 113.

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

Who is like the Lord our God,

who is seated on high,

who looks far down

on the heavens and the earth?

He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

to make them sit with princes,

with the princes of his people.

He gives the barren woman a home,

making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the Lord!

Reflect on this passage in silence. Meditate on how this Psalm points to Christ as King and how he makes and teaches us a better "way".

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

Prayer of Service to the King

Based on Psalm 2

Read aloud as a community or leader.

Lord Jesus,

You are enthroned as King. We are not.

May your Church serve you reverently, with great fear yet with great rejoicing.

Because you are the compassionate King: gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness toward us.

While the nations rage against you, may we submit to you as your unworthy servants.

It is in our service to you that we are truly free;

free from slavery to sin, death, and our flesh,

free from the consequences of living by our own way—led by our own deceptive hearts.

For it is in our unworthiness that you call us saints.

And it is in our servanthood that we experience the life of the age to come.

In Jesus' strong name we pray,

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 was the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart as you listened?
2. What encouraged you in the teaching? What challenged or convicted you?
3. How do you think the Holy Spirit is inviting you to respond to this teaching, practically speaking? In what ways are you invited to change?
4. Imagine if your House Church / Community Group applied this teaching and lived it out. What would this look like? What would be different?

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!

Prayer to the Crucified Christ

Adapted from *The Book of Common Prayer*

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.