



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
MARCH 21, 2021

Sunday Order

1. Arrive and gather as House Church in host home
2. Open in prayer
3. At 9am or 11am, 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 someone to read 1 Corinthians 15v1-4, 12-14, 54-58.

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain...When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Reflect on these passages in silence. Meditate on how these passages speaks to the power and assurance of Jesus' resurrection and what that means for our promised resurrection in the age to come. How does this promise speak to your life in the here and now?

Leader: move the group into a time of prayer.

A Prayer For Resurrection Trust

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 trust in you 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 in us a reservoir of trust 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 live out our resurrection life in this age, all while we hang on to this same hope that we have in the age to come.

Jesus, we trust in you.

Amen.

Communion Liturgy

Leader: 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 you or convicted you?
3. How do you think the Holy Spirit is prompting you to respond to this teaching? Are there ways for your community to practically live it out and practice it together?

Concluding Prayer

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.