



# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH  
SUNDAY LITURGY  
APRIL 18, 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 Psalm 24.*

The earth belongs to Yahweh its Creator  
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein,  
for he has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.  
The pure in heart receive a blessing in the  
presence of Yahweh  
Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.  
He will receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
Such is the generation of those who seek him,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*  
Yahweh is the king of glory  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates!  
And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory! *Selah*

*Meditate on this Psalm. How does this relate to today's teaching and point toward fulfillment in Jesus?*

*Leader: move the group into a time of prayer.*

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

*Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer*

Heavenly Father,

Your will is to restore all things, by reuniting the heavens and earth 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,

in being set free, that 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**

*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!

#### **A Prayer For Faithfulness**

Father, Son, Holy Spirit,

We are once again reminded of the difficulty in being faithful to you in a world that pulls our hearts in wayward directions.

Jesus, as we receive your grace as our power, may we remember your faithfulness on our behalf.

Your faithfulness in how you lived, showing us what it truly means to be human. And your faithfulness in redemption, spilling your blood and breaking your body for the sake of the world.

Lord, give us that kind of faithfulness.

We ask that you grant us faithfulness in excellence: that all we do it would be for your glory.

We pray for faithfulness in integrity: that we be honest in community and exude your reconciliation to the world.

And we plead for faithfulness in humility: that even when tempted to elevate ourselves, we would instead elevate you.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.