



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
MAY 2, 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 55.

¹God, listen to my prayer and do not hide from my plea for help.
²Pay attention to me and answer me. I am restless and in turmoil with my complaint,
³because of the enemy's words, because of the pressure of the wicked. For they bring down disaster on me and harass me in anger.
⁴My heart shudders within me; terrors of death sweep over me.
⁵Fear and trembling grip me; horror has overwhelmed me.
⁶I said, "If only I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and find rest.
⁷How far away I would flee; I would stay in the wilderness. Selah
⁸I would hurry to my shelter from the raging wind and the storm."
⁹Lord, confuse and confound their speech, for I see violence and strife in the city;
¹⁰day and night they make the rounds on its walls. Crime and trouble are within it;
¹¹destruction is inside it; oppression and deceit never leave its marketplace.
¹²Now it is not an enemy who insults me— otherwise I could bear it; it is not a foe who rises up against me— otherwise I could hide from him.
¹³But it is you, a man who is my peer, my companion and good friend!

¹⁴We used to have close fellowship; we walked with the crowd into the house of God.
¹⁵Let death take them by surprise; let them go down to Sheol alive, because evil is in their homes and within them.
¹⁶But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.
¹⁷I complain and groan morning, noon, and night, and he hears my voice.
¹⁸Though many are against me, he will redeem me from my battle unharmed.
¹⁹God, the one enthroned from long ago, will hear and will humiliate them Selah because they do not change and do not fear God.
²⁰My friend acts violently against those at peace with him; he violates his covenant.
²¹His buttery words are smooth, but war is in his heart. His words are softer than oil, but they are drawn swords.
²²Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never allow the righteous to be shaken.
²³God, you will bring them down to the Pit of destruction; men of bloodshed and treachery will not live out half their days. But I will trust in you.

Reflect on this passage in silence. How does this Psalm relate to Jesus' situation (and perhaps emotions) in Luke 22:1-6?

Leader: move the group into a time of prayer.

A Prayer for River West Church

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Heavenly Father, ruler of all things in heaven and earth,

Hear our prayers for our River West Church family. Strengthen the faithful, awake the careless, and restore the repentant.

Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within this local church—which belongs first and foremost to you—through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 the teaching? What was the Holy Spirit stirring in your heart as you listened?
2. How would your Community Group / House Church summarize the sermon in your own words?
3. What encouraged you and what challenged you in the teaching?
4. How is the Holy Spirit leading you and your Community / House Church to respond and live it out practically?

Concluding Prayer

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

Our Father

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever!

Amen.