



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

HOUSE CHURCH
SUNDAY LITURGY
MAY 23, 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 Matthew 4:8-11.

Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.' " Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Reflect on this passage in silence. What do you notice about how Jesus fights temptation early on in his ministry? While in the wilderness, what kinds of things was Jesus praying for and meditating on? What can we learn from this?

Leader: move the group into a time of prayer.

A Prayer for 'Thy Will be Done'

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the perfect life of your Son, my Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your will be done in my life.

He was tried and tempted in every way, yet without sin.

Your will be done in my life.

Here is my life O Lord: full of sin, yet loved by you more than I will ever understand.

Your will be done in my life.

I look to Christ and receive the forgiveness, the renewal, and the Life I so desperately need.

Your will be done in my life.

I give you my body: a living sacrifice in every way that you desire.

Your will be done in my life.

Here are my hands: use them to serve the poor and wash the feet of the downtrodden.

Your will be done in my life.

Here are my feet: take me to my workplace, neighborhood, and city that I may share the beautiful announcement of the good news.

Your will be done in my life.

I give you my mind: sanctify my thinking, that I may have the mind of Christ.

Your will be done in my life.

Here is my freedom: bring me into the mess of community where there is Life, and out of individualism where there is self-preservation.

Your will be done in my life.

Heavenly Father, keep me from all temptation.

Your will be done in my life.

In the strong name of Jesus Christ I pray,

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 this out practically?

Concluding Prayer and Song

As you end your time together as House Churches, conclude with one final prayer and the Doxology.

Day of Pentecost Prayer

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit:
Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Doxology – Song

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.