

Home Communion Script

Opening Words of Scripture:

Jesus says:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, And you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11:28, 29)

Jesus says:

I am the bread of life,

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me,

And anyone who comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6:35, 37)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

According to Luke,

When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,

He took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Let us pray:

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.

Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us to hope, inspire us to love, so that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A family member breaks the bread and says:

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

A family member lifts the cup and says:

In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

Communion

As you share the bread, please say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

As you share the cup, please say:

The cup of salvation, shed for you.

Prayer after Communion and the Lord's Prayer Unison

Let us pray:

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service so that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray together say, "Our Father..." Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor

And give you peace. Now and forever. Amen.