

Family Communion

Words in **bold type** are said together

Opening Explanation

It is good for us to remember as a family the meaning of who we are and why we are here.

We are about to break a loaf of bread and eat a piece. Then we shall our out some wine and drink it together.

These are simple ordinary things, and yet, because of Jesus they are special.

If you do not have bread and wine, please use what you have to hand. At a time like this, it is more important that we do this as an act of worship than the items we use. Remember they are just ordinary, simple things - it is Jesus that makes them special.

We do this to remind us that Jesus's own body was broken on the cross and that His blood was poured out for you and for me.

He rose from the dead and He is with us now by His Spirit. And we are looking forward to the day when He will come again.

It is important to remember today that although we are scattered, because of Jesus we are one family under God.

Confession

We pray together:

**Father, we have let you down
by what we have thought
what we have said
and what we have done.**

We have also let you down by what we have failed or forgotten to do.

We turn to you again.

Forgive us and help us to feel like we are part of your family again.

Through Jesus our Lord, Amen

Story of the Last Supper

It was Passover, the time when God's people remembered how God had rescued them from being slaves in Egypt. Every year they killed a lamb and ate it. "This lamb died instead of us!" they would say. But this Passover, God was getting ready for an even Greater Rescue.

Jesus and his friends, the disciples, were having the Passover meal together in an upstairs room.

During this meal Jesus picked up some bread and broke it. He gave it to His friends. He picked up a cup of wine and thanked God for it. He poured it out and shared it.

"My body is like this bread. It will break," Jesus told them. "This cup of wine is like my blood. It will pour out."

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“But this is how God will rescue the whole world. My life will break and God’s broken world will mend. My heart will tear apart - and your hearts will heal. Just as the passover lamb died, so now I will die instead of you. My mood will was away all your sins. And you’ll be clean on the inside - in your hearts.”

“So whenever you eat and drink, remember,” Jesus said, “I’ve rescued you!”

Sharing of the bread and wine

The bread and wine (or whatever you are using in your home) is shared and eaten with those in your household.

Eat the bread and the wine as you receive it, or if you wish drink the wine with us together as we watch the service.

The Lord’s Prayer

We pray together:

**Our Father in heaven
Your name is special.
Come and be our king;
Help us to do what is right by you,
Help us to live for you on earth
As people do in heaven.
Give us today what we need to live.
Forgive us when we let you down.
As we forgive those who let us down.
Keep us away from thinking about doing wrong things,
But rescue us from all that is bad.
For you are in charge.
You are the biggest and the best.
Now and forever. Amen.**

A Closing Prayer

We pray together:

**Lord Jesus, we have remembered your death,
we rejoice in your resurrection,
and we look forward to your coming again. Amen**

Blessing

So, may you live in this current world with the joy, peace, love and hope that comes from God and may you share the blessings of Jesus, our rescuer with those around you this day, and every day.