



*Liturgy of
Holy Communion
in the Home*

During a time of crisis



This rite is to be used at home when it is not possible to attend the web conference Liturgy of Holy Communion in Remote Gatherings. Ideally this would be done with multiple people gathered, as communion is a shared event of the Body of Christ.

✠ GATHERING ✠

Pick a leader from those gathered to read the parts marked "Leader." Parts marked "One" are for any one voice from those gathered, preferably different from the leader.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: When our congregation gathered in worship,
we heard again of God's mighty acts and the love
shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.
Gathering remotely around many tables,
our congregation shared in the holy meal of the
Lord's supper. Through the power of the Holy
Spirit, these tables are extended to this table,
that we may hear the word of life, and receive this
bread and cup of blessing, that we may share in
these same gifts and be strengthened in communion
with all the people of God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

One: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant
mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and
drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ,
that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pray the Prayer of the Day from the beginning of the ELW.

✠ WORD ✠

*If you have not done so already, read the scriptures for the day.
Hold a period of silent reflection about what God is doing in and through you and the
community this day.*



MEAL



THANKSGIVING

Leader: Gathered at the Lord's table,
our congregation remembered with thanksgiving that
"in the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ,
brought out of the church building and into our home.

LORD'S PRAYER

All pray the Lord's Prayer.

DISTRIBUTION

*The leader should break the bread at this point.
Holding the bread and cup, the leader says:*

Leader: These are indeed the gifts of God for you,
the very much beloved people of God.
Taste and see that God is good.

Distribute the bread and wine to each other saying:

**The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

Following the distribution, continue:

One: Let us pray.
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of
life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in
faith toward you and in fervent love toward one
another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



SENDING



Leader: Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

One: Be at peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.