



### **Maunder Evening Communion Service 7:00pm**

We will be broadcasting a service from the church at 7:00pm on Facebook. You may choose to watch the beginning of the service. At the appropriate time, I will invite households to celebrate communion together using the following suggested format. You may follow along with the entire service online and not use the following format. Do whatever is most helpful for your home situation.

This is a simple outline for families to use to celebrate communion together. Readings can be assigned ahead of time, and this can be tailored to fit your particular family situation. Do not rush, allow time for people to pray and ask each other, "What does communion mean for you?"

### **Supplies Needed**

Use the closest approximation you have. Do not make special trips to the store. The type of element is less important these days than the meaning of the elements.

Set a table ahead of time. Plate for bread, cups and drink for all. Decorate as you see appropriate that helps your family focus on the meaning. Remember at Jesus' final meal, this was a simple table by common people.

Bread for all to share

Drink for all to share individually provided.

### **Service Format**

#### **Head of Household Reads**

"God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."  
(John 3:16)

#### **Family Member Leads in Lord's Prayer**

"Let us pray together as Jesus taught us to pray:

*"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 debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Mat 6:9-13*

#### **Scripture Reading- Family Member**

"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. Mt 11:28-29

"Jesus declares: 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." Jn 6:35, 37

### **Invitation to the Lord's Supper- Head of Household**

"As we come together at the Lord's Table we are joined together with Christians throughout the world to remember, rehearse and reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for each of us"

"According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread and blessed it and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him."

"On the night he was betrayed Jesus took the bread, broke it and said, "This is my body broken for you. Take and eat"

### **Sharing the Bread Around Your Table Saying To One Another**

"This is the body of Christ, the bread of life—given for you."

Take time when done to pray quietly or together

### **Sharing the Cup**

"When supper was ended, Jesus again took the cup, gave thanks and praise gave it to the disciples and said, "This is the cup of my blood, of the new covenant which will be shed for you. Take and drink."

After passing the cup take time to pray quietly or together

### **Prayer after Communion- Family Member**

(Offer this or a similar prayer, including special requests for prayer from the participants)

Let us pray: "We thank you, O God, you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. We lift up to you, this day, these joys and concerns of our hearts: So

strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

**Take time at the end to play a worship song, share together and thank God for his son, Jesus**