

Eucharist At Home Ritual Preparation (1–8)

Eucharist Chapter One—We Belong (1)

Prepare

In the middle of your kitchen table, or on a coffee table, or in the middle of the floor where you will gather, place a white cloth (a tablecloth, towel, or pillowcase will work). Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), and a Bible opened to John 15:1–17. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 7 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from John. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 7.

Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader:

On the day of our Baptism, our family and the Church claimed us for Christ. We received the gifts of faith and new life. Today let us remember the promises of Baptism together. Our answer for each question is, “I do.”

Do you say “no” to sin, so that you can live always as God’s children? (I do.)

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty? (I do.)

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord? (I do.)

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the Communion of Saints? (I do.)

This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Let us come to the water and thank God for the gift of our Baptism.

The parent(s) is now invited to dip his or her hand into the bowl of water and make the Sign of the Cross on each person gathered, saying, [Name], you are the light of Christ.

We Listen

Someone now reads John 15:1–17, ending with the phrase, The Gospel of the Lord.

Leader:

Our response to the reading is, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

We Go Forth

Leader:

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of Baptism. Send us forth to bring your love to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you have the CD, close by singing or listening to track 7.

Eucharist Chapter Two—We Gather (2)

Prepare

In the middle of your kitchen table, or on a coffee table, or in the middle of the floor where you will gather, place a white cloth. Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), and a Bible opened to Acts 2:42–47. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 8 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from Acts. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 8.

Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader:

God, our loving Father, we praise you for your goodness and thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Send us your Holy Spirit to help us live as your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Every Sunday we come together as God's people to praise him and to give him thanks for everything he has done. Today we do the same.

Your response will be, "We give you glory and thanks."

Lord Jesus, you came to gather all people into your Father's kingdom.

(We give you glory and thanks.)

Lord Jesus, you came to bring us new life.

(We give you glory and thanks.)

Lord Jesus, you came to save us.

(We give you glory and thanks.)

Let us give praise and thanks to God!

We Listen

Leader:

God, our Father, you alone are holy. We ask you to help us be grateful children who always remember your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Someone now reads Acts 2:42–47, ending with "The Word of the Lord."

Leader:

Our response to the reading is, "Thanks be to God." *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes to think about the reading.

We Go Forth

Leader:

God, the Holy Spirit, we praise you and thank you for your gifts. May we act in ways that show your gifts to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 8.

Eucharist Chapter Three—We Are Forgiven (3)

Prepare

In the middle of your kitchen table, or on a coffee table, or in the middle of the floor where you will gather, place a white cloth. Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), and a Bible opened to Matthew 9:9–13. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 9 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from Matthew. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 9.

Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader:

God wants us to be united with him. Let us think about the times we have not been united to God or others.

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes.

Let us pray for God’s forgiveness and mercy, by praying together (*see the Child’s Book, page 22*):

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Leader:

May God forgive us our sins and make us united with him and one another.

We Listen

Leader:

God, our loving Father, you call us to forgiveness and peace. You want us to be united in you. Help us forgive others as you forgive us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Someone now reads Matthew 9:9–13, ending with “The Gospel of the Lord.”

Leader:

Our response to the Gospel is, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes to think about the reading.

We Go Forth

Leader:

Let us offer each other the sign of peace!

If you have the CD, close by singing or listening to track 9.

Eucharist Chapter Four—We Listen (4)

Prepare

In the middle of your kitchen table, or on a coffee table, or in the middle of the floor where you will gather, place a white cloth. Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), and a Bible opened to Matthew 13:1–23. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 10 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from Matthew. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 10.

Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

We Listen

Leader:

Father, send the Holy Spirit to open our ears and hearts that we may hear and live your Word. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Our response is, "Glory to you, O Lord." *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Leader:

Loving Father, we want to live by your Word. May your Word be in our minds.

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your forehead and

invite others to do the same.

Leader:

May your Word be on our lips.

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your lips and invite others to do the same.

Leader:

May your Word be in our hearts.

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your heart and invite others to do the same.

Leader:

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Someone now reads Matthew 13:1–23, ending with "The Gospel of the Lord."

Leader:

Our response to the Gospel is, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes to think about the reading.

We Go Forth

Leader:

Loving God, we thank you for your Word. Help us remember and share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 10.

Eucharist Chapter Five—We Prepare (5)

Prepare

In the middle of your kitchen table, or on a coffee table, or in the middle of the floor where you will gather, place a white cloth. Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), a Bible opened to John 13:1–16, and a cross or crucifix. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 11 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from John. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 11.

Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader:

God gives us many gifts. He gives us sun and rain, family and friends. He gives us our life. The most important gift God gives us is his Son, Jesus. Jesus shows us how to live. When Jesus died on the Cross, he gave his life for all people. Let us think about what a wonderful gift Jesus gave us.

Invite everyone to sit silently to ponder Jesus' gift. After a few minutes, pick up the Cross and gently hold it in your hand, saying, "Thank you Jesus."

Pass the Cross on to the next person, encouraging them to say, "Thank you Jesus," and invite them to pass it on to the person beside them, and so on.

We Listen

Leader:

Gracious God, open our hearts to hear your Word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Our response is, "Glory to you, O Lord." Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your forehead, lips, and heart and invite others to do the same.

Someone now reads John 13:1–16, ending with "The Gospel of the Lord."

Leader:

Our response to the Gospel is, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes to think about the reading.

Leader:

Lord God, send us the Holy Spirit to show us how to live for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: "Our Father..."

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We Go Forth

Leader:

Loving God, send us out to share our lives with others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 11.

Eucharist Chapter Six—We Remember and Give Thanks (6)

Prepare

In the middle of your kitchen table, or on a coffee table, or in the middle of the floor where you will gather, place a white cloth. Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), and a Bible opened to Luke 22:14–20. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 12 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from Luke. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 12.

Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

We Listen

Leader:

Loving Father, we come before you to remember and give thanks for your Son, Jesus. Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit to understand your Word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Our response is, “Glory to you, O Lord.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your forehead, lips, and heart and invite others to do the same.

Someone now reads Luke 22:14–20, ending with “The Gospel of the Lord.”

Leader:

Our response to the Gospel is, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes to think about the reading.

Leader:

Every time we gather together at the Eucharist, we know Jesus comes again to be with us. We are happy. We give God the Father thanks and praise for the mystery of Jesus’ presence. We pray.

Invite everyone to kneel.

Leader:

The mystery of faith. Repeat after me:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
(We proclaim your Death, O Lord,)

and profess your Resurrection
(and profess your Resurrection)

until you come again. (until you come again.)

Invite everyone to stand.

At the Savior’s command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: “Our Father...”

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

We Go Forth

Leader:

Loving Father, send us forth to bring Jesus’ presence to one another. Help us to remember him. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 12.

Eucharist Chapter Seven—We Share a Meal (7)

Prepare

This ritual would be best celebrated at your kitchen or dining room table. In the middle of your kitchen table, place a white cloth. Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), a cross, and a Bible opened to John 6:30–58. Refreshments are part of this ritual, so also place on the table bread and butter, grape or other juice, fruit, cups for the juice, and napkins. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 13 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from John. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 13.
Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

We Listen

Leader:

God our Father, you provide us with everything we need. Strengthen us to bring life to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Our response is, “Glory to you, O Lord.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Trace the Sign of the Cross on your forehead, lips, and heart and invite others to do the same.

Someone now reads John 6:30–58, ending with “The Gospel of the Lord.”

Leader:

Our response to the Gospel is, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes to think about the reading.

Leader:

Blessed are you, almighty Father, who gives us our daily bread. Blessed is your only begotten Son, who continually feeds us with the Word of life. Blessed is the Holy Spirit, who brings us together at this table of love. Blessed be God now and forever. Amen.

Share the food at the table.

Leader:

We give you thanks for all your gifts, almighty God, living and reigning now and forever. Amen.

We Go Forth

Leader:

Loving God, we thank you for food, for families, for friends, and for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Help us to share the gifts of life with others. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 13.

Eucharist Chapter Eight—We Go Forth (8)

Prepare

In the middle of your kitchen table, or on a coffee table, or in the middle of the floor where you will gather, place a white cloth. Place on the white cloth a bowl of water, a candle (light it when everyone is gathered), and a Bible opened to Acts 2:1–41. If you have the *Songs of Celebration* CD, set your stereo so track 14 is ready to play. Either you or a child able to read needs to read the leader parts as well as the reading from Acts. Matches or a lighter are needed to light the candle.

We Gather

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 14.

Invite everyone to make the Sign of the Cross.

We Listen

Leader:

Loving God, open our hearts to the Holy Spirit as we listen to your Word. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Someone now reads Acts 2:1–41, ending with “The Word of the Lord.”

Leader:

Our response to the reading is, “Thanks be to God.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

Invite everyone to sit silently for a few minutes to think about the reading.

Leader:

Just as the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and told the Good News in word and action, so are we. Let us pray for God’s blessing. Lord Jesus, you came on earth to serve others. May your example strengthen us. Amen.

Through your dying and rising, you made a new world where we are called to love one another. May we live according to your Gospel. Amen.

Let us pray that God, who is love, will light our hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Invite those gathered to bow their heads and pray for God’s blessing.

Leader:

Blessed are you, God of mercy. Through your Son Jesus, you gave us an example of love. Send down your blessing on your children. Let them serve you in their neighbor. Amen.

We Go Forth

Invite those gathered to dip their hand into the bowl of water and make the Sign of the Cross.

Leader:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Your response is, “Thanks be to God.” *Invite everyone to repeat that phrase after you.*

If you have the CD, sing or listen to track 14.