LITURGY FOR HOME COMMUNION

**Opening**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Sentence of Scripture**

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*

**Confession and Pardon**

In the Lord’s Supper, Christ is present by the power of the Holy Spirit, and offers us his body, broken for our sake, and his blood, shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

As we prepare to receive this great gift, let us confess our sin and hear the promise of forgiveness.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God! **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading**

*Use the scripture from the service on Sunday, especially the Gospel reading.*

**Prayer**

*You are welcome to ask if there are any prayer requests or concerns. As you pray, bless the elements of communion using your own words or the ones following.*

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 with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory. **Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

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.

In the same way he 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.

**Sharing the Bread**

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

*or*

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**Prayer After Communion (Lord’s Prayer)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. 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. **Amen.**