



Communion Model 1

Main themes: Self examination, remembrance, unity, new family, worship and gratitude

Main passage: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

Introduction (leader): *'We're going to have another opportunity to respond to God now by taking communion together. Communion is the meal of God's family where we remember what Jesus did for us, and how he brings new life to his church. It is a meal for all followers of Jesus but if you're not a Christian please feel free to join us at the front and observe. If you want to take it today for the first time, as a sign that you're choosing to follow him, please do.'*

Leader (or someone else) read 1 Cor 11:23-26 +28

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

Leader: *'We will now have a few moments to come to respond before God and remember his amazing grace and forgiveness. You may want to take the opportunity to give thanks for what he's done for you or you may want to repent of where you have messed up, being confident of his forgiveness and grace. You may want to do this on your own or you may want to do it with someone else.'*

[Leave about 3 minutes silence]

'Let's now come to the table together'.(Pause).

'Joe blogs' (person A) will read from the screen for us, please respond with the words in bold':

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let the church give thanks to the Lord our God.

We love to give thanks and praise.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Leader: This is my body broken for you [someone break the bread]. Do this in remembrance of me.

[Pass the bread round and eat]

Leader: This cup is the new covenant in my blood [someone pour the wine]. Do this in remembrance of me.

[pass round the wine and drink]

Jesus we do this in remembrance of you. (ALL)

**your body is the bread of life.
Your blood was shed for our sin.**

By your grace we are made new.

'Joanne Blogs' (person B):

'With your whole Church throughout the world,
With our brothers and sisters who meet in Cathedrals, caves, refugee camps ,
hospitals and prisons we offer you these words of praise and lift our voices to
join the choir of angels gathered around your throne.

Lord God,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
We were lost but you found us and set us free.'

You are the God of our salvation,
You share your bread with those who are broken and bruised by the
storms of life.

**You cleanse us, feed us, and heal us by your body and blood.
Fill us afresh with your Spirit, that we may worship you with all of our lives!**

[Worship band to lead everyone in worship together]

Person A from congregation

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Person B from congregation

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