

Communion Model 2

Main themes: God's promises fulfilled, Jesus' triumph, anticipation of Jesus' return

Main passage: Exodus, Mark 14 and Revelation

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.'

Joe Blogs (Person A) On the night that Jesus was betrayed he came with his disciples to remember how God had rescued his people out of Egypt. God rescued them from slavery, overcame evil and sin and formed them into his people. So, today we acknowledge his rescue of us from the powers of darkness and the slavery of sin.

Jesus, you rescue us from sin and death and free us to live for you. (ALL)

Leader or someone else read Mark 14:16-18, 22-24

¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷ When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸ While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

²² While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

[break bread, pass it round and eat]

²³ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴ "This is my blood of the ^[c] covenant, which is poured out for many,"

[pour wine, pass it round and drink]

(Leader) Let's read together:

He opened his arms of love for each and everyone of us upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Jesus, you alone are Lord. You alone have the words of eternal life. We follow you alone.

'Joanne bloggs' (person B) to read Revelation 19:6-7 and 21:1-4

⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

"Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

⁷Let us rejoice and be glad

and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

⁹Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!"

Ch 21:1-4

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

(Leader) Let's read this together:

Holy, holy, holy. Lord God almighty.

Who was, and is and is to come.

Pour out your spirit on us afresh, as we long for that day.

Move into time of worship or prayer for one another.

Person A from congregation

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