



## **Communion Model 4**

Main themes: God's incarnation. Jesus as our mediator, priest and sacrifice.

Main passages: John 1 and Hebrews.

**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 (John 1):**

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was with God in the beginning. **3** Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...

*(Let's read these words together)*

**In Jesus, the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us.  
We have seen his glory,  
the glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.**

**Person A:** At your table we remember that you, Creator God, became flesh and lived among us. You, Jesus, experienced all we experience and can sympathise with our weakness, our pain, our shame and our brokenness. You loved us so much that you came for us and became one of us. You bring hope into our lives.

*(Let's read these words together)*

**You embraced us in your coming,  
became one of us in your living,  
and saved us through your life, death and resurrection.**

**Person A** (from Hebrews): In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered.

God made Jesus, our pioneer, perfect through suffering.

For this reason he had to be made like us, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Leader:** *let's read this together. Everyone read the words in bold and I will read the words in between.*

**You were made like us,**

Fully human in every way,

**You sought the lost,**

Noticed the forgotten,

Included the excluded,

And brought the outsider in.

**You alone can rescue.**

**Person B** (from Hebrews): Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. He is able to empathize with our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Leader:** let's read these words together:

**We see you Jesus,**

**Crowned with glory and honour.**

**Thank you Lord,  
that you tasted death for me.**

**Leader:** When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.

[break bread and pass round]

[Pour wine and pass round].

*Encourage people that they don't have to be silent. They can chat, smile, hug, introduce themselves. This is a time of fellowship.*

**Person B** (from Hebrews): Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

*(Leader pray or encourage others to pray out. Lead into corporate worship time.)*