

This is a simple order of service for breaking of bread and sharing of wine at home when you can't attend a communion service.

To use this order of service, you will need:

A candle

A bowl of water and a towel

A simple snack or a meal

Wine

Bread

Access to YouTube for the music, or the tracks (or your own selection of music) downloaded or on hard format

A bible with the texts marked

This order of service

Order of Service

Opening Acclamation

We place light in the gathering place (light the candle)

We place bread on the table (place the bread on a plate)

We place wine in the drinking glass (pour a glass of wine/juice)

We bring food as we are able (place your food on the table)

God of small things bless our table

God of the weary bless our attendance

God of hope bless our gathering

Gathered to hear

Gathered to tell

Gathered to witness.

Hymn (As I have done for you) as the hymn plays, take the bowl of water and towel and wash either your hands or feet. If you are sharing this service with someone else, you can wash each others' hands or feet.

<https://youtu.be/u5CzrC4r9-A>

While they were having supper, Jesus took the bread and he gave thanks.

Blessed are you Lord God of the Universe, through your goodness we have this bread to offer.

Fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

Then Jesus broke the bread and shared it with them, telling them that this bread was his body and that whenever they ate it, he would be with them; always a part of them.

(Eat a piece of bread.)

After Supper Jesus took the cup of wine and gave thanks:

Blessed are you Lord God of the Universe, through your goodness we have this wine to offer.

Fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation.

And we all say, Blessed be God forever.

Then Jesus shared the wine with them telling them that this wine was his blood and it was the sign of the new relationship with God made possible through his life and death.

(Take a drink.)

Hymn - One bread, one body

<https://youtu.be/FG9T8UmN6VY>

Reading Matthew 26: 21-25

Silent reflection

Reading Matthew 26: 31-35

Silent reflection

(Clear away your food and drink but leave your candle lit)

Prayer:

All thanks and praise and worship be unto thee, O God, for all that thou hast given unto us, and as thou hast given the life of our body to win the food of this world, so grant us the life eternal to show forth thy glory. Amen

(From Prayers of the Western Highlanders by G R D McLean)

When they had said a prayer, they went out and walked to the garden of Gethsemane.

(Silence is kept during the music)

<https://youtu.be/Ztw9RqZDFBY>

Prayer:

Jesus our brother,

Once you knelt sleepless

In the darkness of a garden

Alone

And wept and prayed,

Sweating, bleeding,

With the pain of powerlessness

With the strain of waiting.
An angel offered you strength-
But it was a bitter cup.
We pray for all
Who wake tonight
Waiting, agonising,
Anxious and afraid,
While others sleep:
For those who sweat
And bleed, and weep alone.
If it is not possible
For their cup to be taken away-
Then may they know your presence
Kneeling at their side
Amen

(Gethsemane Prayer by Jan Sutch Pickard from Lent and Easter Readings from Iona)

Closing prayer

God of light bless us,
God of the half-light, nurture us
God of the darkness, bring us peace.
(Blow out the candle)

Circle of God
Surround me
Protect, empower and shield me
Now and always. Amen.