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Friends in Christ, as we watch and pray for our communities in this time of widespread public illness, we have time to gather in the surroundings of our homes to remember that God is with us, and gives us hope for each day.

May you find this brief order of worship a sacred space to remember God's love for you, and a time to stop and put aside the worries of the world to be present with the Lord.

**Together At the Table  
A Service for Families**

# Time Around the Table with Remembrance of Holy Communion

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For updates on the spread of the covid virus please refer to the Center for Disease Control ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) and local news.

For updates regarding the congregation and quarantine watch for email , website, social media, and phone-tree notices.

*Begin this time of worship in a period of silence*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L We begin our prayers in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A **Amen**

L Let us confess our sin together, in the presence of God and of one another..

L Most merciful God,

A **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

L We can remember this good news, Christ died for us and through his death and resurrection we are assured that we are forgiven. We experience sin daily in our lives, but sin has no power over God's unending love. So we have faith and live with the promise that we are forgiven. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of illness and worry, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort all who are anxious or in distress, bring healing and wholeness where disease spreads, and grant us courage and hope to face each day; we pray through Christ, our Lord.

A **Amen.**

## READINGS

*(Refer to the devotion or check [www.flclex.org](http://www.flclex.org) for a reading and meditation from Pastor Miller.)*

## REFLECTION

*During this time that would normally have a sermon given by a pastor take time to discuss or reflect on the provided devotions.*

*A meditation from Pastor Miller is also available at [www.flclex.org](http://www.flclex.org).*

## APOSTLES' CREED

L Together, living in trust and hope, we confess the creed of our faith.

A **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Almighty God, we pray for the church throughout the world, and for the ministry in which we share. We give you thanks for leaders in the church: especially our bishops (Elizabeth and Tim); all pastors and deacons; and all the baptized. Help us to be your light in the world. Lord in your mercy,

A **hear our prayer.**

L We pray for the world and for all creation: for plants and animals of every kind, and for all places that experience disaster or destruction. God, help us to be good stewards of your creation, striving to protect and preserve the life you have made. Lord in your mercy,

A **hear our prayer.**

L We pray for the nations: for all who live and for those who lead in them. We pray for peace in homes and communities throughout all places. We especially pray for those suffering from illness, war, injustice, and oppression. We pray for those who lead in our country on local, state, national, and international levels, and for all in any public service to our country. Keep them safe from harm and danger, and protect them in their duties. Lord in your mercy,

A **hear our prayer.**

L We pray for those who are sick, for those grieving the loss of loved ones, and for those who feel separated from you O God. We especially pray this day for...*(names may be spoken or lifted in silence)*. Where there is illness bring healing, where there is mourning bring consolation, where there is despair bring peace to those in any need. Lord in your mercy,

A **hear our prayer.**

L Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A **Amen.**

## PEACE

L The peace of Christ be with you always.

A **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Take this time to collect your household offering, and placing it into the provided envelopes. You can mail this offering to the church or bring it to our next assembled worship.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray together.

A **Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## REMEMBRANCE OF COMMUNION

*At this time, you are invited as a family to share in the greatest family meal throughout all time, the meal of our Lord, Jesus Christ. With this brief order of worship, you should have received sacrament (wafers) that the Pastor has previously blessed. You are not consecrating this meal, but remembering the holiest meal that Jesus shared with his disciples and that has now been sent home with you. If you run out of previously blessed wafers, contact the Pastor.*

L When we gather together as a congregation to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, we hear again and again of the story of God's mighty acts and God's love shown for us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L With thankful hearts and minds we remember that,

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying;

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence with us through this Sacrament and through the gift of the Holy Spirit. May this bread of life strengthen us through our participation in this holy meal together.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

L Lord remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray,

A **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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

L We receive the meal remembering, This is the body and blood of Christ given for you.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

A **Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L We pray together.

A **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that, in your mercy, you would strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

L May the Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

A **Amen.**

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## ***Interesting Notes from Reflections:***

# *Specific Prayer Requests to Remember:*

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