

# HOME COMMUNION



## YOUR GUIDE TO CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

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Dear Friends in Christ,  
On the first Sunday of every month our practise at Chapel by the Sea is to celebrate the Lord's Supper. During this pandemic we will celebrate virtual Communion together while apart, united in Christ's Spirit. Use this guide to join in online on Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 am our usual worship time. Email [pastor@chapelbythesea.wa.org](mailto:pastor@chapelbythesea.wa.org) for a link to join the video gathering. You may also use this guide at a time of your choosing as close to our virtual communion as possible. Use the ordinary elements you have at hand to create your own sacred space as you shelter in place. God bless to us this sacrament,

Pastor Linda Flatley

### The Elements:

**Bread:** Buy or bake your own bread. Crackers, flatbreads, and shortbread will work too.

**Cup:** Grape juice, other fruit juice or wine. If you have a special cup or pitcher use them both.

Arrange the elements on a flat surface. Light a candle to represent Christ's light in the world. Have your Bible to follow along or read and reflect on your own. Scripture suggestions:

Psalm 107:1-8, John 6:1-14, 25-40, Phil. 2:1-11.



# Home Communion Liturgy

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

## Confession

Gracious God, source of all life,  
We come before you in need of healing:  
our bodies and souls, our relationships, and our world.  
We know that with you, nothing is impossible.  
We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world.  
(*a time of silent confession is kept*) Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
The peace of Christ be with you.

With Thanksgiving we remember that:

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,  
"This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me"

Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples saying,

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

*Prayers for others and for the world may be offered.*

## The Lord's Prayer

### Communion

*Partake in the bread.* The bread of heaven.

*Partake in the cup.* The cup of salvation.

### Blessing

May God bless you and keep you.

*God is with us wherever we go. Joshua 1:9*

God is with us in our homes as we continue to shelter in place and help contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. After worship on March 8, 2020 we suspended in-person worship in the chapel until further notice. We celebrated Easter with worship on Zoom and we have held virtual Zoom meetings to study scripture and conduct chapel business. Last month session voted to authorize home communion during this pandemic (see references below).

*Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26*

### **From the Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order**

#### *W-1.0203 Space*

Because heaven and earth belong to God, we may worship in any place... To this day, space for Christian worship is primarily established by the presence of the risen Lord and the communion of the Holy Spirit in the gathering of the people of God.

#### *W-1.0204 Matter*

Because God created the world and called it good, we use material gifts in worship.

#### *W-3.0409: Theology of the Lord's Supper*

The Lord's Supper represents God's gracious invitation to an everlasting covenant. The Lord's Supper also reflects our calling to feed others as we have been fed, and offers a foretaste of that heavenly banquet when God will wipe away every tear and swallow up death forever.

When we gather at the Lord's Supper the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with the church in every time and place. We join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and our neighbors in the world.