COMMUNION SERVICE (MCM)

How to prepare to participate:

- (1) have ready bread and red grape juice. Some use unleavened bread, some wafers, some small crackers or cubes of bread, some cut up pieces of white bread (but not goldfish) for example.
- (2) have the elements ready before 4:30 m.
- (3) keep it sacred. Jesus instituted communion when He was about give His life a sacrifice for sin. He said, "This My Blood of the New Covenant which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Communion is to be done in remembrance of Him. We remember the Lord's death until He comes.
- (4) Praying for the persecuted church after communion—we will be doing the Prayer for the Persecuted developed by Mary Craig Ministries. You may have articles, magazines, etc. that you want to lay before the Lord as we pray the Word of God.

Please stand for the reading of the Law...

=>Readers:

- 1. Read the Law of God. Exodus 20:1-17. Self-examination. 2 Cor 13:5 Give time for self-examination to get right with God.
- 2. Psalm 51
- 3. 1 John 1:9
- 4. Colossians 2:9-15

Jesus Christ came to fulfill all righteousness. (Rom. 5) The Law condemns me because trying to observe the Law, it killed me; I died to the Law that I might live to God. The Law cannot give life. (Rom. 7) I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me. The life which I live in this earthly body, in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, by the faithfulness of the Son of God, through faith from the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. (Gal. 2:20)

Romans 3:22

And this righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no distinction,

Romans 4:25

He was delivered over to death for our trespasses and was raised to life for our justification.

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. While we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 6:6

We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

Romans 8:10

But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit gives you life because of righteousness.

There is a righteousness that comes by faith, by believing. The Just One by the faith, the faithfulness of Me shall live. The Holy Spirit is the Life Producer.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-32.

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We partake of this communion remembering the LORD's death until He comes. It is a sign and a seal of the New Covenant in Christ's Blood, certifying what Christ has instituted, certifying what He did on behalf of His own. He gave Himself an offering. He is Christ our Passover.

=>**Everyone pray and bless the elements**. Set them apart from a common to a holy use.

Beloved in the LORD Jesus Christ, the holy Supper we are about to celebrate is a feast—of remembrance, of communion, and of hope.

We come in remembrance that our LORD Jesus Christ was sent of the Father into the world to assume our flesh and blood and to fulfill for us all obedience to the divine law even to the bitter and shameful death of the Cross.

By His death, resurrection, and ascension, He established a new and eternal covenant, of grace and reconciliation in order that we might be accepted of God and never be forsaken by Him.

We come to have communion with this same Christ who promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

In the breaking of the bread He makes Himself known to us as the true heavenly Bread that strengthens us unto life eternal.

In the cup of blessing He comes to us as the Vine in Whom we must abide if we are to bear fruit.

We come in hope believing that this bread and this cup are a pledge and foretaste of the feast of love of which we shall partake when His kingdom has fully come, when we with unveiled face shall behold Him, made like unto Him in His glory.

Since by His death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has obtained for us the lifegiving Holy Spirit who unites us all in one body, so are we to receive this Supper in true love, mindful of the communion of saints.

Invitation-

All those who have confessed their faith in Christ and who belong to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Words of Institution-

=>Pass out bread plate

[Break Bread]
The Lord Jesus,
the same night He was betrayed, took bread;
and when He had given thanks,
He broke it and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of Me."

"The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.

Take, eat."

=>Pass out juice

[Lift Cup]

After the same manner also,
He took the cup when they had supped, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in My blood,
poured out for you;
this do, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of Me."

"The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ. **Take, drink.**"

Holy Father, we thank you...

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Thank you that Jesus rose again on the third day...

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And thank you for the sending of the Holy Spirit...

In the name of Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and man...

Amen

Hymn

Prayer for the persecuted

Benediction

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