

A Special Experience (of Home Communion)

Making the Communion Bread together as a family, or with the other members of your household will hopefully be a special experience – one that you can remember for many years to come.

We would suggest reading through this suggested outline quickly beforehand, so you can decide what to include. Of course, this is only a guide, and you can add/take away as you see fit. Make sure you have the ingredients for making the bread and grape juice before you begin!

Prayer

Ask someone to begin with their own prayer, or read the following prayer:

“Dear Lord, as we gather here together to make this special bread and prepare the grape juice, may this special opportunity which we have, remind us of how important your life on this earth and your death on the cross is to us. And may this special experience draw us closer to you, and to each other. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Reading – Luke 22:7-13

Sit down together, with the bible open, and read the text above.

Read:

Just as Jesus sent two of his disciples – Peter and John – off to prepare for the “Passover Feast”, we are going to prepare for the Communion Service this coming Sabbath. We are going to make our own unleavened bread. Yeast is what normally makes the bread rise when it is baked. But the people in the Bible did not put yeast in their bread when they celebrated the Passover Feast.

The Communion Bread, which we are going to prepare, is a symbol of Jesus’ perfect life and yeast is a symbol of sin (Matthew 16:6, 11-12). And so, we are going to prepare the communion bread without yeast, which reminds us that Jesus lived the perfect life without sin.

Preparation of Communion Bread (see ingredients & prep guide online)

- a) gather ingredients
- b) follow cooking instructions
- c) before placing the communion bread into the oven, continue as follows

Reading – John 13:1-17

Sit down together, with the bible open, and read the text above.

Read:

At the Passover Feast Jesus wanted his disciples to understand who he was and who he had called them to be.

Jesus wanted them to understand that He had come to serve; and through his service he would make eternal life available for everyone.

He wanted his disciples to understand that to follow him meant to serve also.

Watch/Listen - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCAdWs-ZyEk>

Read:

In Mark 10:45 Jesus is recorded as saying the following words, “For even the Son of Man [He] did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Romans 6:23 says, ‘For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.’

As we make this bread, we are reminded that death came to Jesus because he took our sins upon his shoulders. At the same time, we are reminded that Jesus’ gift to us is eternal life. Jesus died around 2,000 years ago, but his death then brings us eternal life, today. All this eternal life comes to us by faith/trust in what Jesus has done for us.

Place communion bread into the oven. Don’t forget to keep an eye on it and remove it from the oven after the cooking time is up. Store the bread as directed.)

Reading – 1 John 1:5-2:2

Read:

We are also now going to make our own communion grape juice. The grape juice symbolises the blood of Jesus Christ which washes our sins away.

Make red grape juice

Squeeze enough red grapes so that you get enough grape juice for each member of your family who will take part in the communion service on Sabbath. Store the grape juice in a container in the fridge until the Sabbath.

Watch/Listen – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oibli1rz7mw>

Read:

The Good News of the Bible is that as we trust in the perfect life of Jesus who took our sins, and the shed blood of Jesus who died for our sins, through faith we are accepted as perfect in Jesus Christ. Our sins no longer condemn us. As Romans 8:1-2 says, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Everyone says together:

Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice for us.

Prayer

Ask someone to close with a final prayer, giving thanks to God for all he has given us in Christ Jesus, and for this opportunity to experience the making of the communion bread and grape juice.
