

## **KCC HOME COMMUNION SERVICE (approved 10/2005)**

### **PSALM 23**

Let us begin with the comforting words of the 23rd Psalm,

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul, he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. Amen.

### **GREETING**

In the name of God Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. Peace be to this house and to all for whom this is home.

### **INVITATION**

Hear these words of Jesus Christ, I am the bread of life; anyone who comes to me shall not hunger; anyone who believes in me shall never thirst.

In Luke's Gospel we read that Jesus, at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, and their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that as the church was gathered, often in the homes of believers, Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and community, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.:

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, we gather at your table to know you in the breaking of the bread.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but if we confess our sins we know that God will forgive. Let us offer our silent prayer of confession. (After a brief time for silent prayer) Find comfort in these words, If you repent and believe in God's redeeming mercy, your sins are forgiven. Trust in God's promises and begin anew your life with God and all people. Amen.

## BREAKING BREAD, POURING WINE, SHARING THE ELEMENTS\*

(While taking the bread and breaking it) We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.")

Ministering to you in Christ's name we give you this bread.

(When all are served) The body of Christ, broken for you.

(While pouring the wine and raising the cup) In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Ministering to you in Christ's name we give you this cup.

(When all are served) The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ, your emissary and participated in the body of Christ, your church. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and help us embody that love in our lives. And now we pray as Jesus taught us, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

## BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen.

\*(When communion is offered to a person who is critically ill and unable to receive in the usual manner, the bread alone or the wine alone may be received. In some circumstances, communion is best given with the bread and wine combined on a spoon or the bread dipped in wine and touched to that person's lips. If the person is unable to receive the bread and wine at all, it is appropriate to assure that person of God's love and grace which are not set aside by the inability to complete an intention of faith.)