

## COMMUNION GUIDE

Hey Grace family,

If you are reading this you are likely preparing to lead communion. This may be for your first time or you may be a savvy veteran. Overall, we desire to help you feel both encouraged and equipped to lead well.

On a Sunday morning when Grace celebrates communion, we provide an open table and incorporate the sharing of the bread and the juice within our time of worship. Obviously, that format does not work in our current situation. This outline works from more of a traditional approach and will be the one that Pastor Andrew provides on the first Sunday in April.

### **STEP ONE- Read the following Scripture:**

**1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (ESV)** <sup>23</sup> *For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,* <sup>24</sup> *and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

### **STEP TWO- Pass out your pieces of bread or crackers.**

- **Once everyone has their bread/cracker, read the following:** *"Jesus in obedience to Your command and in celebration of communion, we remember that your body that was given for us and we say thank you."* Next, everyone can eat as a group.
- **Prayer:** Consider a prayer of thanksgiving!
- **Example:** God we thank you for your sacrifice and as we have eaten of the bread, it is our desire to remember the price You paid. Thank you for giving Your body for our salvation.

### **STEP THREE- Read the following Scripture:**

**1 Corinthians 11:25 (ESV)** *In the same way also he 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."*

### **STEP FOUR- Pass out your cups of juice.**

- **Once everyone has their juice, read the following:** *"Jesus in obedience to Your command and in celebration of communion we remember that Your blood was shed for us and we say thank you."* Next, everyone can drink as a group; you might say, "let us drink."
- **Prayer:** Consider a prayer of thanksgiving!
- **Example:** God we praise You for Your grace and mercy. As we have partaken of our cup of juice, it is our prayer that we never forget that your blood was given to remove our sins.

### **STEP FIVE- Read the following Scripture and close in prayer:**

**1 Corinthians 11:26 (ESV)** *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

- **Prayer Example:** *Father, we praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ. We thank You for our salvation and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In our celebration of communion, we have proclaimed the death of our Lord, today, and until He returns, and we close with the petition, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly!" Amen.*