



**WELCOME!**

**Member:** *I would like to welcome everyone to the Seventh Street Dinner Church. We hope that you find this to be safe place, a place of meaningful worship, and good fellowship.*

*When the Old Testament prophets wanted to speak of the day when peace and justice would finally come in fullness, they depicted a great feast. The prophet Isaiah described it like this: "They will set the table, they will spread out the cloth, they will eat, they will drink."*

*Jesus' most radical act was sharing his meals with people outside his circle. And when Jesus was gone and his friends felt lost, it was in breaking bread together that they knew him again.*

*We gather here tonight not to create something sacred, but to honor what has been true for thousands of years: that time together around a table is sacred time.*

*We gather to nourish both our bodies and our souls. May we look at one another and see possibility. May we see in one another a reflection of the Holy, which is in all of us.*



## Candle Lighting

We will now take a candle in our hands and circle the dinner table. As the rest of the table candles are being lit we will sing, "This Little Light of Mine."

**Member:** *A light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it. It is the light of truth, justice, safety, peace and love. Keep us warm. Light our way. Set our hearts on fire. My lord is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.*

**All:** *Lord, let your word be a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.*

The lights at the table are lit and the hand-held candles are blown out and collected.



## Eucharist

The Priest begins the Eucharist with everyone standing. Bread and wine are brought over from the Credence Table.

**Priest:** *The Lord be with you.*

**All:** *And also with you.*

**Priest:** *We gather tonight as our sisters and brothers around the world have done for thousands of years. Just as they did, we gather to step into holy mystery; into something within ourselves, and something greater than ourselves.*

*Blessed are you gracious God, Creator of the Universe. You sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be born into the human family, to dwell among us and reveal your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.*

*And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, now bring you these gifts of bread and wine. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.*

*On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to his friends and said "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.*

The blessed bread is now passed around the table as instructed by the priest. Everyone should pull off their own piece of bread. After everyone has received the bread, a blessing is given over the food.

**Priest:** *May the bread, and all the food that we share in this meal nourish us and keep us mindful of the needs of others.*

Everyone is then seated for dinner.



## Dinner

Everyone enjoys their meal and fellowship



## Gospel

When everyone is close to finishing their meal, the Gospel is read and the priest gives a message. This could also be where a story is shared by a member of the community. This time should be interactive.



## Prayers

A member appointed leads the following prayers, pausing for anyone to add a name. Everyone is invited to name their prayer concerns.

**Member:** *We pray for family and friends  
We pray for our enemies  
We pray for the sick and the lonely  
We pray for those who have died  
We pray for forgiveness*

*We pray for the world  
We pray for love  
We pray for peace  
We give thanks for all the many blessings in life*



## Passing of the Cup and Closing

**Priest:** *As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this all of you: This is my body of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.*

The cup is now passed around the table as instructed by the Priest.

**Priest:** *As this meal comes to a close, I want to thank you for being here tonight. We ask that you sign up to help with our next Dinner Church. I will now say a blessing and we will pass the Peace. After that please enjoy dessert and help clean up.*



**Priest:** *May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah and the love of Jesus Christ be upon you and may you go forth from this place tonight rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

**All:** *Thanks be to God*

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