

Opening Song: Lord, I lift your name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us...

You came from Heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your Name on high.

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The Lighting of the Candle

(All stand at their tables)

MATRON. In the beginning, there was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

ALL. Through Him all things were made, and nothing was made except through Him.

MATRON. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

ALL. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

MATRON. Heavenly Father, in honor of Your Son, Light of the World and King of Mercy, we are about to kindle the light for the Lord's Day. On this day your Son, Jesus, rose from the dead and brought forth the new creation. May our celebration of His resurrection this day be filled with Your peace and heavenly blessing. Be gracious to us and send Your Holy Spirit to dwell more abundantly in us.

Father of Mercy, continue Your loving kindness toward us. Make us worthy to walk in the way of Your Son, loyal to Your teaching, and unwavering in love and service. Keep far from us all anxiety, darkness, and evil. Grant that peace, light, and joy ever abide among us.

ALL. For in You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see life.

(The MATRON Lights The Candle And Hands It

To STEWARD, Who Takes It To Each Table And Lights All Of The Candles.)

MATRON. Blessed are You, Lord our God, who created light on the first day and sent us Your only begotten Son to begin the new creation. Blessed are You, Lord our God, who brings us joy as we dwell in Your light for this, the Lord's Day.

ALL. Amen.

Psalm 118:1-4,26-29

STEWARD. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

ALL. His love endures forever.

STEWARD. Let the house of Israel say:

ALL. "God's love endures forever!"

STEWARD. Let the house of Aaron say:

ALL. "God's love endures forever!"

STEWARD. Let those who fear the Lord say:

ALL. "God's love endures forever!"

STEWARD. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

ALL. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

STEWARD. The Lord is our God, and has given us light.

ALL. Go forward and process with leafy branches, even unto the altar.

STEWARD. You are my God, I give you thanks.

ALL. My God, I will exalt you!

STEWARD. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

ALL. His love endures forever.

Blessing of the Meal and Setting Aside of the Day

STEWARD. Brothers and sisters, this is the Lord's Day.

ALL. Let us welcome it in joy and peace.

(Follow Musical Interlude)

STEWARD. Today we lay aside the concerns of the week so we may honor the Lord and celebrate His resurrection. Today we cease our work, to worship God and remember the eternal life to which He calls us.

ALL. The Lord himself is with us, to refresh us and give us strength.

STEWARD. Let us welcome among us our God and give Him glory.

ALL. Let us love one another in Christ.

STEWARD. Let us now take an opportunity to welcome each other to this meal.

(each Person Extends A Sign Of Peace To Their Neighbors, And Then Returns To Their Tables)

STEWARD. May the Holy Spirit be with us, to deepen our devotion to the Lord, and to increase our desire to walk in the direction which God is calling us.

Blessing of the Drink and Bread

(The MATRON Pours The Drink, And Hands It To The STEWARD. The STEWARD Raises It, And Recites The Following Prayer:)

STEWARD. Let us praise the Lord, our God, with this symbol of joy and thank Him for the blessings of the past week. We thank Him for health, fortitude, and wisdom; for our life together in Christ; for the strength wrought by our trials and temptations; for the happiness that has come through our labors, and the blessings of the time to come.

Let us praise Him for this day: for the great blessing He has bestowed on us in Christ. It is through His eternal sacrifice that we may receive the fullness of grace. We, who were dead through sin, are brought to life together with Christ, who defeated death, so that we may live and reign with Him eternally. Lord, our God, through Christ, Your son, You bring us into Your heavenly Kingdom.

ALL. We live with Him, now, through the Holy Spirit, and we look for the day when we will dwell with Him in Your eternal

Kingdom.

STEWARD. Blessed are You, Lord, God of All Creation, Who have created the fruit of the vine.

ALL. Amen.

STEWARD. Blessed are You, Lord our God, You grant us true rest in Your Son, Jesus, and give us this day for the celebration of His redeeming work. We welcome this day rejoicing, and look to His resurrection and the new creation founded in Him. Look graciously upon us, Your servants, and show your glory.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, who favor your people in the days set aside to honor You.

ALL. Amen.

(STEWARD Offers A Blessing, Drinks From The Cup And Passes It To The MATRON, Who Does The Same.)

STEWARD. I now invite you all to pass the cup to each person on your table. If you wish to, you may give thanks to God as you receive it.

(The Head Of Each Table Takes The Cup, Says A Prayer Of Thanks, And Passes It Left. This Continues Until All Have Done So.)

STEWARD. Our eyes look upon You, O Lord, and You give us this food in due season.

ALL. The desires of every living thing are fulfilled by Your hand.

STEWARD. Blessed are You, Lord, God of All Creation, Who bring forth bread from the earth. You have provided us this meal that we may eat and be thankful.

Brothers and sisters, this is the Lord's day. Mindful of His grace and mercy, let us share this meal in fellowship.

ALL. Amen.

(The Head Of Each Table Takes The Loaf Of Bread, Breaks A Piece Off, And Passes The Remainder Of The Loaf To The Left. When All Have Done This, Sit Down And Eat.)