COMMUNION SERVICE TO USE AT HOME

This takes place after your prayers and devotions. You should prepare your table before you start. Use any elements you have, for example, bread, biscuit, cake, wine, sherry, fruit juice, squash, water. God will understand!

1. Call to the Table:

I shall lift up the cup of salvation and call on the Lord by name. $_{\mbox{Psalm 116: } 13}$

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with people, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Rev 21:3

2. Prayer:

O Lord Jesus Christ, you provide us with this symbolic feast, as you are the feast itself. We come to you trusting not in our righteousness but in your mercy. We draw near to you in answer to your call and pray you will show us your grace and give to us the Bread of Life. We pray in your Holy name. Amen

3. Reading: The Lord's Supper according to Matthew 26:

¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.... ²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'
²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

4. Prepare the Bread and Wine:

As the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, we take these elements of bread and wine, to be set apart from all common uses to this holy use and mystery.

5. The sharing:

According to the holy institution, example, and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, and as a memorial of him, we do this: who, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and said, 'This is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup saying, 'This cup is the new covenant sealed by my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.'

6. Eat and Drink:

This is the bread of heaven in Christ Jesus, let us eat of it together

This is the cup of salvation in Christ Jesus, let us drink of it together.

7. Prayer:

Gracious God we give you glory, thanks, and praise for the dying and undying love of our Saviour Jesus Christ. In your great goodness you have brought us into communion with him and with all who love him and made us heirs of your everlasting kingdom. By your grace, may we continue in this holy fellowship, and live to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

8. Grace:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen