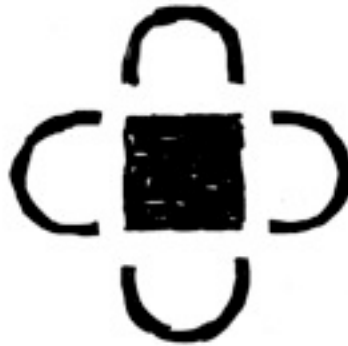


**St. Lydia's**



**Telling Our Story  
Sharing the Meal  
Working Together**

*Script for Christmas and Epiphany*  
**2013-2014**

*December 29, 30, 2013 and January 5, 6, 2014*

## Gathering

6:15

*Congregants are welcomed at the door by Emily.*

*The **Greeter** brings them inside, gets them a name tag, and hooks them into preparations for the meal.*

7:00

*The **Deacon** checks to be sure the tables are fully set, with bread all set out on the same table.*

*The **Deacon** checks in with the Community Coordinator and the Presider, then rings the bell and says,*

*-Come and gather around the candle!*

*The **Deacon** hands out copies of “What Child is This” and candles.*

*The **Song Leader** begins the gathering song:*

***“What Child is This”***

*shruti box on silver*

*When we’ve learned the song and folks are singing, **The Deacon** distributes candles*

***The Song Leader** signals the end of the song.  
**The Song Leader** invites a drone*

## Collect

Presider:       ♪ Light and Peace in Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

Leader :        ♪ Thanks be to God.

**People:**        ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Presider:        ♪ Almighty God, you have  
poured upon us the new light  
of your incarnate Word: Grant  
that this light, enkindled in our  
hearts, may shine forth in our  
lives; through Jesus Christ, who  
lives and reigns with you, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

Leader:        (*spoken*) Amen.

**People:**        ♪ **Amen.**

# Introductions

***The Presider*** says:

- Welcome
- St. Lydia's is a church where we share a sacred meal just as the first followers of Jesus did.*
- Introduce self, Community Coordinator, Song Leader, and Deacon*
- The Deacon will lead you through the service as we go*

***The Deacon*** says:

- We'll process to the tables now, singing a song that \_\_\_\_\_ will teach.
- When you get there, light all the candles on the tables and then plant your candle in the trays of rice.
- Then, find a place at a table and remain standing

## Candle Lighting

*The **Song Leader** leads a Candle lighting song:*

### ***The Light of Christ***

*shruti box on silver*

*The **Deacon** lights his/her candle from the Christ Candle, then passes the light to one person.*

*Everyone moves to the tables.*

*Once everyone is gathered and all candles are lit, the **Song Leader** signals end of song.*

## The Meal

### Blessing the Meal

*The Deacon* says:

- We'll bless our meal with an ancient Eucharistic Prayer. \_\_\_\_\_ will lead the sung responses.
- We stand to pray with hands lifted, as was the custom in the early church.
- After you receive the bread, give your neighbor a piece, saying, "This is my body."

*The Song Leader* invites a drone over the teaches the

***"Advent/Christmas Table Acclamation"***

*shruti box on silver*

*The Song Leader* teaches the entire melody for the response, then the accompanying step:

*step, behind, step, back.*

Presider:     ♪ The Lord be with you.  
Leader:       ♪ And also with you.  
**People:**     ♪ **And also with you.**

Presider:     ♪ Lift up your hearts  
Leader :       ♪ We lift them up.  
**People :**     ♪ **We lift them up.**

Presider:     ♪ We give thanks to God  
Leader :       ♪ Thanks and praise.  
**People :**     ♪ **Thanks and praise.**

Presider:     ♪ Holy God, we give you thanks  
for your holy name, which you  
planted in our hearts and for the  
knowledge, faith and immortality  
you sent us through Jesus your  
child.

**People:**     ♪ **Glory to you, glory to you,  
Glory forever. Glory to you, glory  
to you, glory forever. Glory to  
you, glory to you, glory forever.**



Presider:   🎵 You created everything mighty,  
Lord, for the glory of your name.  
You gave us food and drink for our  
pleasure and that we might give  
you thanks; You have blessed us  
with spiritual food and drink and  
eternal life through your child.  
Above all we thank you because  
you are mighty.

**People:    🎵   Glory to you, glory to you,  
Glory forever.  Glory to you, glory  
to you, glory forever.  Glory to  
you, glory to you, glory forever.**

Presider:   🎵 While Jesus was eating with his  
disciples, he took a loaf of bread,  
and after blessing it, broke it, gave  
it to them, and said, "Take, this is  
my body. Do this in remembrance  
of me."

**People:**     ♪ **Glory to you, glory to you,  
Glory forever. Glory to you, glory  
to you, glory forever. Glory to  
you, glory to you, glory forever.**

**Presider:**   ♪ Mother, we give you thanks  
for the life and knowledge you  
sent us through Jesus your child.

*no bell, no step:*

**Leader:**     ♪ Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come, will come again.

**People:**     ♪ **Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come, will come again.**

**Presider:**   ♪ As grain was scattered across  
the hills then gathered and made  
one in this bread, so may your  
church, scattered to the ends of  
the earth, be gathered and made  
one in your commonwealth.

*spoken cue: "Amen!"*  
*bell and step*

Leader :     ♪   A-men, A-men,  
              A-men.

People :     ♪   **A-men, A-men!**  
              **A-men, a-men!**

Presider:    Holy food for Holy People. Share  
in the meal.

*The **presider** gives a large piece of bread, in a  
napkin, to his/her neighbor on each side,  
saying:*

"This is my body."

# Sharing the Meal

***The Deacon*** says:

-We'll spend the first part of our meal in conversation. When folks are finishing up, we'll move into scripture reading.  
\_\_\_\_\_, what are we eating?

-There's juice and water on the tables.  
Please sit down anywhere you like first;  
then send one person from your table with  
bowls/plates to be served.

*Everyone is seated at the tables.*

## **The Word**

### **Scripture Reading**

***The Preacher*** leads scripture reading

### **Sermon**

***The Preacher*** preaches informally, and invites responses.

After 3-4 responses, the **preacher** says,  
"Thank you all."

# Prayers

***The Deacon*** says:

-For our time of prayer, we'll take hands,  
and begin with a song that  
\_\_\_\_\_ will teach us. After the  
singing, please offer your prayers out loud.  
Then we'll conclude by singing again.

## ***SONG DURING PRAYER:***

***“Day of Light, Day of Birth”***

*Petitions are offered.*

***The Deacon*** includes

- for Pastor Phil and Trinity Lower East Side*
- for the congregation of Church of the Redeemer in Brooklyn*
- for all members of our community wherever they are*
- for those who are hungry and homeless*
- for all those who practice at the Zen Center*
- for all who work in this building*

*The **Song Leader** ends the time of prayer by repeating the song.*

## **Poem**

*The **Coordinator** reads a poem.*

## **Blessing the Cup**

*The **Deacon** says:*

*-We bless our cup at the end of our meal, just as Jesus did when he was at table with the disciples. Please make sure there is some grape juice in your cup.*

*Everyone lifts their cup.*

*The **Song Leader** invites a drone over the shruti box (silver) and leads the response.*

Presider:     ♪ Father, we give you thanks  
for the holy vine of your servant  
David, which you made known to  
us through Jesus your servant.

**People:     ♪ Glory to you, glory to you,  
Glory forever. Glory to you, glory  
to you, glory forever. Glory to  
you, glory to you, glory forever.**

Presider:     ♪ After supper, he took a cup,  
and said, "This cup is the new  
covenant in my blood. Do this in  
remembrance of me."

**People:     ♪ Glory to you, glory to you,  
Glory forever. Glory to you, glory  
to you, glory forever. Glory to  
you, glory to you, glory forever.**

Presider:     ♪ Remember Lord to deliver your  
church from all evil and teach it to  
love you perfectly. You have made  
it holy; now build it up and gather  
it from the four winds into the  
realm you have prepared for it.

*spoken cue: "Amen"*

Leader :     ♫ A-men, A-men,  
A-men.

People :     ♫ A-men, A-men!  
A-men, a-men!

*Everyone drinks from their cup.*

*The **shruti box** plays through until all are finished drinking.*

## Departing

## Cleaning Up

*The **Deacon** gives instructions for clean up:*

-we'll finish the service with dessert and a final hymn around the offering table  
[gesture].

-but first we'll clean up

-we'll bring dishes to sink, wash and dry them, blow out the candles, put them in the storage room, and rearrange the tables



*get volunteers:*

- 2 washers
- 2 rinsers
- 2 driers
- 1 putting-away director who knows where things go in the kitchen
- 3 to put things away
- 1 laundry collectors

*Everyone cleans up together.*

***The Deacon*** oversees things in the dining area

***The Lead Cook*** oversees things in the kitchen

***The Song Leader*** leads an Offering Song:

***Refrain: Gloria from "Angels We Have Heard on High."***

## Offerings

*Emily's announcements*

*Other announcements*

*Announcements from **Rachel***

*Community Announcements*

## Closing Hymn

*The **Song Leader** says:*

- We'll sing our final hymn, *[title]*.
- Let's sing the first verse in unison, so everyone can learn it.
- Then, if you like, you can sing a different part on the later verses.

*[identify section leaders for each part,  
beginning with **melody**]*

## ***FINAL HYMN***

***Dec 29, 30: It Came Upon The  
Midnight Clear***

***Jan 5, 6: Songs of Thankfulness  
and Praise***

*At the end of the hymn, the **Song Leader**  
starts a drone:*

**Passing the Peace**

Presider:   🎵 Finally, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Deacon:    The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:**   **And also with you!**

Deacon:    Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbor.

***The Deacon** checks the kitchen to make sure it is clean, things are put away, and the stove is off.*