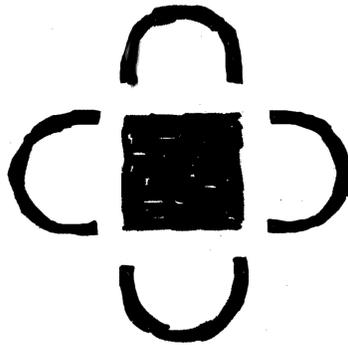


St. Lydia's



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

Script for Fall, 2012

Deacon:

Song Leader:

Lead Cook:

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 Lead Chef, Community Coordinator, and the Presider, then rings the bell and says,*

Come and gather around the candle!

*The **Song Leader** begins one of the following the gathering songs:*

***Jesus, We Are Gathered
Come All You People***

*During the song, **The Deacon** distributes candles*

***The Music Leader** signals the end of the song and invites a drone over the shruti box.*

Collect

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

Leader: Thanks be to God.

People: ♪ Thanks be to God.

Presider: ♪ Loving and gracious God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you show us; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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, we'll stand in one large circle around all the tables.

Candle Lighting

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

Come Light of Lights
Christ is our Guiding Light

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

Everyone moves to the table(s).

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 shruti box and improvises simple responses.

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 to the Lord.

People: ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: ♪ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Leader: ♪ It is right to give God thanks and praise.

People: ♪ It is right to give God 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.

Leader: ♪ Glory to you forever and ever.

People: ♪ Glory to you forever and ever.

Glory to you forever and ever.

Glory to you forever and ever.

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.

Leader: ♪ Glory to you forever and ever.

People: ♪ **Glory to you forever and ever.**
Glory to you forever and ever.
Glory to you forever and ever.

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."

Leader: ♪ Glory to you forever and ever.

People: ♪ **Glory to you forever and ever.**
Glory to you forever and ever.
Glory to you forever and ever.

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

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.

Leader: Amen! Amen!
People: ♪ Amen! Amen!
Amen! Amen!

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

*The **presider** gives a large piece of bread, in a basket, 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. [Any other instructions for serving]

Have a seat anywhere you like!

Everyone is seated at the tables.

The Word

Scripture Reading

The Preacher leads scripture reading

Sermon

The Preacher preaches informally, and invites response.

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: song leader's choice

I Must Tell Jesus
I Will Guide Thee
All Shall Be Well
Shine On Me
What We Need Is Here
Do Not Fear
Tar a Thighearna
I Lift My Eyes to the Hills

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

Rachel 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 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.

Leader: ♪ Glory to you forever and ever.

People: ♪ **Glory to you forever and ever.**
Glory to you forever and ever.
Glory to you forever and ever.

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

Leader: ♪ Glory to you forever and ever.

People: ♪ **Glory to you forever and ever.**
Glory to you forever and ever.
Glory to you forever and ever.

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.

Leader: Amen! Amen!

People: ♪ **Amen! Amen!**
Amen! Amen!

Everyone drinks from their cup.

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
- [recruit two volunteers to wash, two to rinse, four to dry and put away, and one person to show people where the dishes go.]
- bring dishes to sink, wash and dry them
- blow out candles and put them away in the storage room
- rearrange tables (if applicable)

Everyone cleans up together.

The Deacon oversees things in the dining area

The Lead Cook oversees things in the kitchen

The Deacon rings the bell to gather everyone around the Offering Table

Offerings

Emily says:

your We are building St. Lydia's together and everyone is invited!
You have built St. Lydia's tonight by being in worship and giving
hands and your heart.
Other ways to build St. Lydia's:

welcome book
 receive e-mails
 sign up for leadership
postcards
offering
 ...our giving is an opportunity to participate in what
we're building here together
 ...to practice letting go of what we cling to
 ...to respond to the gifts god has offered us
 ...to remember that everything we have is a gift --
 none of it ours.

-Other announcements

*-Announcements from **Rachel***

-Community Announcements

Closing Hymn

Song Leader: We'll sing our final hymn, _____.
Let's sing the first verse in unison, then whichever part you'd like on
the rest of the verses.

FINAL HYMN: ***Come Thou Fount: September***
 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending: October
 For All the Saints: November 4
 Comfort, Comfort O My People: November

Passing the Peace

*The **Song Leader** starts a drone:*

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.