



# MAUNDY THURSDAY AT HOME EXPERIENCE GUIDE: COMMUNION SERVICE

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To celebrate communion, consider using the following “Maundy Thursday” variation of our typical approach to communion. The instructions are in **bold** and the words to be said aloud are *italicized*.

**Begin with a song, such as “Behold the Lamb.”**

## **Introducing Communion:**

*“We know Jesus instituted what we call communion during the time of the Jewish Passover. Passover was a time when the children of Abraham remembered the events of the exodus. The Passover meal celebration always included a series of questions traditionally asked by the youngest child in a family. There were four questions which were all derivatives of one question: why is this night different from all other nights?”*

*Tonight, as we celebrate Maundy Thursday, participate in communion and ask four questions of our own. We too have four questions, we will ask them all together (or if children are present, they can ask these questions).*

## **Question 1:**

*Why is this night different from all other nights?*

*Tonight, we gather around the table,  
Tonight, we remember the gifts of the past  
and Tonight, we await the promise of the future.*

*We do this because our God is the God of the present, the past, and the future,  
and today is as good a day as any to remember that we are guests of a just and merciful God.  
We have been invited to share in a feast, and here is the foretaste.*

*Let us give thanks, let us pray.*

## **A Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*God of Hope,  
We are waiting in eager expectation  
for the day when we will sit down together*

*and eat dinner with you.  
And we are not the only ones;  
'for the creation waits in eager expectation  
for the children of God to be revealed.'  
With all creation we long for that great day of celebration.*



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*While we look forward to the future,  
we also look back and remember.  
We remember how, in the very beginning, you created the universe.  
You made the sky above our heads and the earth beneath our feet.  
By the words of your mouth and the work of your hands, you bought forth life.  
We remember how you lead your people through the challenges of life;  
through slavery, through the wilderness, through exile.*

*We remember how you came in Christ to show us the way.  
Again, you brought hope to the lost, light to the darkness, and freedom to the captives.  
You brought us life in all its fullness.*

*And so, along with all creation we praise you saying*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Amen.*

## **Question 2:**

*Why on this night do we remember what happened in the past?*

*On this night we remember how God has brought justice and loving-kindness to the generations who have gone before us.*

*On this night we remember that hindsight is a beautiful thing, helping us to view history with clarity.*

*On this night we remember that we are a part of God's people and God's story. A story that has been worked out through generations and thousands of years.*

*We do this so that on this night, and maybe on all the nights to come, we will have not only hindsight but also foresight to see where God is bringing justice and mercy to this generation.*

*Tonight, we are remembering the Last Supper,  
when Jesus and his friends shared a meal together the night before he died.  
Tonight, we are looking forward to the day when we will all be with God in the flesh,  
when we will gather together to eat, drink, and rejoice.*

### Question 3:

*Why on this night do we eat and drink together?*

*On this night we will eat bread and remember how on the night of His arrest the Lord Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks to God He broke it and said, 'My body is like this bread. It will break.*

*My life I give for you.'*

*Let's eat the bread together.*

*On this night we will drink juice and remember how after that last supper Jesus took the cup and said, 'This cup of juice is like my blood. It will pour out.*

*My love I give to you.'*

*Let's drink the cup together*

*The body of Christ, broken for you.*

*The blood of Christ, poured out for you.*

*May the peace of Christ be with you, and the hope of Christ be in you.*

**Watch the song "Remembrance" by Hillsong Worship on YouTube.**

### Question 4:

*Why on this night do we celebrate in silence?*

*On this night, we have stood together and sung, celebrating the goodness of God.*

*On this night, we have shared in communion, celebrating the grace of God.*

*And on this night we will now stand together in silence, listening for the voice of God in the quietness and stillness.*

**(stay silent for a few moments in prayer)**

*Amen*



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# MAUNDY THURSDAY AT HOME EXPERIENCE GUIDE: COMMUNION BREAD

## UNLEAVENED COMMUNION BREAD RECIPE

Prep Time: 15 mins

Cook Time: 20 mins

Total Time: 35 mins

### Ingredients:

- 3/4 cup milk, scalded (Scalded milk is to heat it to an almost boil You can do this in the microwave.)
- 1 egg beaten
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2-1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 cup butter melted
- 1 teaspoon salt

### Instructions:

1. Beat milk, honey, and butter together.
2. Then, add the egg.
3. Gradually add 2 cups of flour and the salt. The dough will be sticky.
4. Use a large 12x17 size parchment paper to roll out the dough. Flour the parchment paper well and add the dough.
5. Make sure the parchment paper, rolling pin, and dough are floured well. Use the remaining 1/4 cup flour. Roll the dough to 1/4" thickness.
6. Place the rolled out dough with the parchment paper on a baking sheet 12x17 (stretch it to fit in the baking pan).
7. Put the parchment paper with the dough on it on the baking pan
8. Prick multiple places with a fork.
9. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 or 20 minutes.

Nutrition: Calories: 650kcal | Carbohydrates: 136g | Protein: 16g | Fat: 6g | Saturated Fat: 3g | Cholesterol: 18mg | Sodium: 84mg | Potassium: 591mg | Fiber: 4g | Sugar: 80g | Vitamin A: 295IU | Calcium: 207mg | Iron: 4.4mg

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