

St. Lydia's



Telling Our Story
Sharing the Meal
Working Together

Script for Lent, 2014

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 invites someone to ring the bell and says,*

-Come and gather around the candle!

*The **shruti box** begins, the deacon hands out candles, and the **song leader** beings a drone.*

Collect

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

Leader : ♪ Thanks be to God.

People: ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Intern: ♪ Gracious God, out of your
love and mercy you breathed
into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and
those around us. Call forth in
us new and honest hearts, and
strengthen us to face our
mortality in humility in the
mercy of your Son, Jesus
Christ, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit
one God, now and forever,

Leader: *(spoken)* Amen.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

Anointing

Intern: In the midst of life, we are in death. From whom can we seek help? From you alone O God.

Emily: While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head.

He said, "She has performed a good service for me. She has anointed my body beforehand for its burial."

And so we, too, in this season of Lent, are anointed for burial, as you are marked on the head or on the hands with the sign of the cross.

The Song Leader begins:

“Receive O Earth”

[no shruti box]

Emily anoints each congregant with oil.

Introductions

*The **Intern** says:*

-Welcome

-St. Lydia's is a church where we share a sacred meal just as the first followers of Jesus did.

-Introduce self, Emily, 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 THE LAMPS

[shruti box on silver-tape setting]

*The **Deacon** 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 shruti box and leads the:

LENT TABLE ACCLAMATION

[shruti box on silver-tape setting]

Intern: ♪ My God be with you.

Leader: ♪ And also with you.

People: ♪ **And also with you.**

Emily: ♪ Lift up your hearts

Leader : ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

People : ♪ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Intern: ♪ 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.**

Intern: ♪ 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.**

Intern: ♪ 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.**

Emily: ♪ 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.**

Intern: ♪ 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 again.

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

Intern: ♪ 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 : ♪ A-men.

People : ♪ **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:

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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

A poem is read.


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.*

Intern:  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.**

Emily: ♪ 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.**

Intern: ♪ 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 : ♪ A-men.

People : ♪ **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.

get volunteers:

- 2 washers

- 2 rinses

- 2 driers

- 4 to put things away

- 1 putting-away director who knows where things go in the kitchen

- 2 laundry collectors

- we'll also blow out the candles and put them away in the storage room, and rearrange the tables

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 and Announcements

Closing Hymn

*The **Song Leader** says:*

-We'll sing our final hymn, "What Wondrous Love Is This."

-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:

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Passing the Peace

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

Intern:  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.*