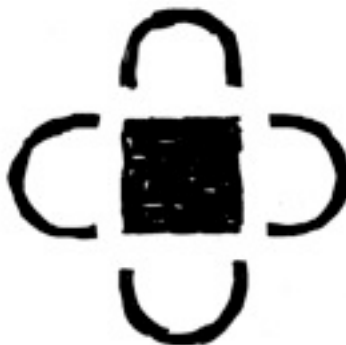


St. Lydia's



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

Script for the Season of Easter, 2014

Gathering

6:15

*Congregants are welcomed at the door by the **greeter**.*

*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 cook, Coordinator, and the presider, then rings the bell and says:*

-Come and gather around the candle!

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

Gathering Song

*The **song leader** leads:*

“Kiev Alleluia”

shruti box on silver setting

*The **presider** sprinkles the people with water*

Collect

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

SongLeader: 🎵 Thanks be to God.

People: 🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

Presider: 🎵 O God, whose Son Jesus
is the good shepherd of your
people: Grant that when we
hear his voice we may know
him who calls us each by
name, and follow where he
leads; who, with you and the
Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,
on God, for ever and ever.

Song Leader: *(spoken)* Amen.

People: 🎵 **Amen.**

Introductions

The **President** says:

-Welcome.

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

-Introduce self, 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 Lord is My Light

a cappella

*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

*The **Deacon** says:*

- We'll bless our meal with an ancient Eucharistic Prayer. _____ will lead the sung responses.
- We 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 *shruti box* beings

The **Song Leader** invites a drone and leads:

Festive Table Acclamation

shruti box on blue setting

Presider: ♫ My God 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.**

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.**
Glory to you forever and ever.
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.

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 : ♪ A-men, a-men, a-men.

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

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

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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*The **presider** gives a large piece of bread, in a
napkin, to his/her neighbor on each side,
saying, "This is my body."*

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.

The Word

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.

The **song leader** leads one of the
following:

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

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 **reader** 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.

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, a-men, a-men.**
 A-men, a-men, a-men.
 A-men, a-men, a-men.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
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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:

- 1 person to bring things to the sink
- 2 washers
- 1 rinses
- 2 driers
- 4 to put things away
- 1 laundry collectors
- we'll also blow out the candles and put them away in the storage room, and rearrange the tables

The Deacon oversees things in the dining area
The Lead Cook oversees things in the kitchen

Emily leads a gathering song:

Zimbabwe Alleluia

a cappella

Offerings and Announcements

Closing Hymn

*The **song leader** says:*

-We'll sing and dance our final hymn.

*-The step is very easy, and _____
will teach it to you.*

*The **don of the dance** teaches the dance*

The dance begins

*The **song leader** hums on the opening note,
then starts the melody.*

Now the Green Blade Riseth

April 27-May 12

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

May 18-June 12

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.*