

HOME AGAPÉ MEAL

For use during the Coronavirus pandemic.

READ SCRIPTURE

Read and reflect:

What word stood out to you?

What else did you notice?

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

Faith communities and St. Mark's parish

The nation and all in authority

The welfare of the world

The concerns of the local community

Those who suffer and those in any trouble

Those who have died

For all affected by COVID-19

O God, our refuge and strength, in this challenging and uncertain time of public health crisis, keep us under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, grant your healing grace to those who are sick, be with those who care for others, and bring to your eternal rest all who have died; in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAY OVER THE MEAL

Over Bread

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You bring forth grain from the earth to nourish us. Let us be fed again soon with the bread of life, the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen.**

Over Wine / Juice

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine to refresh us. May the time come quickly when we can share the cup of salvation again, even as you are with us now in our very thirst for you. Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen.**

Over Other Foods

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. Through your Word, all things come into being. You have given us this food to eat, which earth has given and human hands have made. Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen.**

Agapé - a Greek word for "love," meaning an unconditional, universal love of God and all others.

Typically a lesson from a Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). Each Sunday's lessons: www.lectionarypage.net

Prayers can be as simple as: "God, guide the leaders of our country." "Please help all medical professionals." "Comfort those who are sick or lonely." Add who/whatever is on your heart.

You may choose to use whichever prayers are applicable to your meal.

Whether physically gathered with others or praying individually, plural pronouns (we, our, us) are used in liturgical prayer because we join with the faithful across time and place. When we pray, we are always in community, both with God and one another.