

# DEDICATION OF THE FAMILY BLESSING CUP

## *Opening Prayer*

Loving God, we ask your blessing on us all as we dedicate this cup together, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## *Scripture*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16a)



## *Petitions*

May this cup symbolize our love for each other, Lord, we pray.

*Response:* Bless us, Lord.

May it represent a shared love that grows by your grace each day, Lord, we pray.

May it be a sign of the trust that we have in you and in each other, Lord, we pray.

May we willingly share our hopes, dreams and fears, our joys and disappointments around our family cup of blessing, Lord, we pray.

*Add your own petitions.*

## *Collect*

Holy be this cup which we raise in blessing. May we grow in a sense of mutual family love sharing in this one cup.

## *Sharing of the Blessing Cup*

*Pray together the Our Father or sing an appropriate song.*

# IN HONOR OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

## *Opening Prayer*

We celebrate your forgiveness in our family in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## *Scripture*

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)



## *Petitions*

For \_\_\_\_\_, who celebrates forgiveness this day, we pray.

*Response:* My Lord and my God.

That we readily forgive one another as Christ forgives us, we pray.

That we celebrate the healing power of Jesus in our lives, we pray.

*Add your own petitions.*

## *Collect*

We lift up to you a cup of healing and celebration.  
May we overflow with the joy of forgiveness.

## *Sharing of the Blessing Cup*

*Pray an act of contrition or sing "Now Thank We All Our God."*

# EASTER CELEBRATION

## *Opening Prayer*

The Lord is risen, alleluia! Let us celebrate in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

## *Scripture*



...[W]hen [the women] went [into the tomb], they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words... (Luke 24:3–8)

## *Petitions*

In his rising from the dead, Jesus has given us the power to rise above ourselves; may we walk in the light that brightens the path of faith, we pray.

*Response:* Alleluia!

May the Lord be with us as he was with the faithful on that first Easter, we pray.

May this cup be a sign of joy—the joy of Christians renewed by Christ’s rising, we pray.

*Add your own petitions.*

## *Collect*

Help us, Lord, to rise above ourselves. Break our hearts of stone so that we truly may shine as children of light and life.

## *Sharing of the Blessing Cup*

*Pray together the Our Father or sing an appropriate Easter song or an alleluia.*

# ADVENT SERVICE

## *Opening Prayer*

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, we pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



## *Scripture*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:18–21)

## *Petitions*

Help us to make room in our hearts for you, Lord, we pray.

*Response:* We wait for you, Lord.

Help us to proclaim your coming, Lord, we pray.

Help us to live in your love, Lord, we pray.

*Add your own petitions.*

## *Collect*

Lord, help us to step out in faith and with openness to your will. Make us ready to greet you with peace-filled hearts.

## *Sharing of the Blessing Cup*

*Pray together the Our Father or sing an Advent song.*