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“Healing Fire”, 70 x 100 cm, oil on canvas, 2022

Welcome to Table Liturgy. A table is an open invitation into the presence and hospitality of a loving God. This is a resource designed to extend our corporate worship when we gather as Missional Communities, in our homes and around our tables.

How to use Table Liturgy:

Table Liturgy is designed to take place around a meal, with a short section before the food and the rest afterwards, framing our mealtime as an act of worship.

Your community might want to have bread and wine or a candle symbolically in the middle to remind you of Christ's presence.

You may also want to encourage people to feast and celebrate by bringing their favourite wine or something that makes the meal feel special. Alternatively, you may want to make a very simple offer of hospitality which captures the accessibility of the Kingdom.

One person in the group should assume the role of the Leader to facilitate the liturgy and the times of sharing. Another person can say the reading. Words written in **bold** are to be recited by all.

A digital copy of this resource is available at:
apbc.net/tableliturgy

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TABLE LITURGY | autumn 22

a celebration for ordinary times

before food

reading: philippians 4: 4 - 5

Leader :

Most of all, friends, always rejoice in the Lord! I never tire of saying it: Rejoice! Keep your gentle nature so that all people will know what it looks like to walk in His footsteps. The Lord is ever present with us.

thanksgiving liturgy

Leader : Let us give thanks to God,
the God of all peoples of the earth.
For the colour and forms of your creation
and our place within it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All: Your mercy endures forever.

Leader : For our daily food,
and for those whose work and skill
bring your good gifts to us,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All: Your mercy endures forever.

Leader : For the gifts and graces inspired in hearts and minds;
for insight and imagination,
for the skills of research
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All: Your mercy endures forever. Amen

food

reading: psalm 100

Reader:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

share

As you reflect on your week so far or the last month, what three words help to describe how you arrive at this time together?

What one thing do you want to give thanks for?

thanksgiving liturgy (continued)

Leader : Let us give thanks to God,
the God of all peoples of the earth.
For the colour and forms of your creation
and our place within it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All: Your mercy endures forever.

Leader : For the light and shades of the changing seasons,
and their variety and dependability;
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All: Your mercy endures forever.

Leader : For new hope and strength in our communities,
especially in your Church and among all who serve you,
we bring our thanks, good Lord;

All: Your mercy endures forever.

Leader : For all in whose lives we see
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,
and all the fruit of the Spirit,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All: Your mercy endures forever.

Leader : For the life we have been given,
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All: Your mercy endures forever.

prayer

The leader should facilitate a short time of prayer choosing one of the following options:

1. Open prayer for 2-3 people to pray and give thanks.
2. Silence left for individual prayer of thanksgiving and intercession.

assurance: psalm 16: 11

**All: You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

closing prayer

Leader: Gracious Father,
you have given us much today;
grant us also a thankful spirit.
Into your hands we commend ourselves
and those we love.
Stay with us,
and when we take our rest
renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen