



NATIVITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

# *Runsheet*

AN INFORMAL GATHERING FOR THE  
SHARING OF A MEAL TOGETHER

*Booklet 5*

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## Set Up

The community works together to set up the worship space and prepare the food.

## Welcome

Thank everyone for coming together. Gather people with words that suit your group. That could be something completely informal, or it could be some leader-response words like the 'Invocation' found on p.2 of the '*House Church Service of Word and Prayer*' Liturgy Booklet.

## The Meal

Introduce the meal reminding the group that we gather together to share a meal, to worship God and to encourage one another, just like the early church did.

## Extended Grace - *optional*

Lead the group in an extended grace before the meal. You may wish to ask several people to contribute by giving thanks to God for the following:

- God's creation and the world around us
- God's revelation through the Bible
- Jesus' life, death and resurrection
- The Holy Spirit's presence to us & the church

***During the meal, set time for Bible Readings and to watch the sermon video.***

## Bible Readings

Encourage different members of your group to read the Bible readings for today aloud.

## Sermon

Play this week's sermon via YouTube.

## Questions

While still gathered around the table, look at this week's questions together and discuss these.

***After the meal you may wish to move from the table for a time of worship and prayer.***

## Response

### Song/Hymn

You may choose to use this as a time for worship and select two or three songs. Adjust according to the needs of your group and the time you have available.

### Confession

Lead the group in saying the confession together, found on p.5 of the Liturgy Booklet. If you feel comfortable doing so, share any struggles you are facing during this time.

## Prayer

We encourage you to pray for the things you have been discussing and for our world, our communities and for each other. This can be open prayer or guided. Conclude together with the prayer on pp.7-8 of the *House Church Service of Word and Prayer* Liturgy Booklet.

## The Lord's Prayer

Say the Lord's Prayer aloud together (printed overleaf)

## The Blessing

Share the blessing printed overleaf.

## Pack Up

The community works together to pack up the worship space and clean up following meal.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the  
glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## THE BLESSING

May the Creator  
bless us and keep us;  
may the beloved companion face us  
and have mercy upon us;  
may the eternal Spirit's countenance  
be turned to us and give us peace;  
may the Three in One bless us.  
The divine Spirit dwells in us.  
Kia noho te Wairua o te Runga Rawa ki a tātou.  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**Whakamoemititia a Ihowā.**

