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A Eucharist Gathering from the Didache

Facilitator in plain text **All in bold**

Welcome, everyone.
Here we will follow a simple Eucharist (thanksgiving) gathering based on the text of the Didache.

Peace be with you
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1 · Confession

That our thanksgiving may be pure, let us confess the ways we have failed to live in peace.

(A moment of silence)

Merciful God,
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
And we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Where we have caused division, forgive us.
Where we have stayed silent, forgive us.
Make us instruments of your peace.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

In Christ, we are forgiven
Thanks be to God

2 · Reconciliation

That our thanksgiving may not be profaned, let no one who is at odds with another come to the table until they are reconciled.

(A moment of silence)

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

(All share a sign of peace with one another.)

3 · The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our debt,
as we also forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

4 · Thanksgiving

Let us offer our prayers of thanksgiving.

(The facilitator lifts the cup.)

First, concerning the cup:
We thank you, our Father,
for the holy vine of David your servant,
which you made known to us through Jesus your servant.
To you be the glory forever.

(The facilitator lifts the bread.)

And concerning the broken bread:
We thank you, our Father,
for the life and knowledge
which you made known to us through Jesus your servant.
To you be the glory forever.

As this broken bread was scattered over the hills,
and was gathered together and became one,
so let your Church be gathered together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.
For yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

5 · The invitation

Let us pray:
Hosanna to the God of David!
If anyone is holy, let them come.
If anyone is not, let them repent.
Maranatha.
Come, Lord!
Amen.

(All baptized followers of the Way come and share the cup and the bread.)

6 · Thanksgiving after the meal

(When all have eaten and are filled)

Let us give thanks.

We thank you, holy Father,
for your holy name,
which you have made to dwell in our hearts,
and for the knowledge and faith and immortality
which you made known to us through Jesus your servant.
To you be the glory forever.

You, Master almighty, created all things for your name's sake.
You gave food and drink to all people to enjoy,
so that they might give thanks to you.
But to us you have freely given spiritual food and drink,
and eternal life, through your servant.
Above all, we thank you because you are mighty.
To you be the glory forever.

Remember, Lord, your Church.
Deliver it from all evil,
and make it perfect in your love.
Gather it from the four winds, made holy,
into your kingdom, which you have prepared for it.
For yours is the power and the glory forever.

Let grace come, and let this world pass away.
Hosanna to the God of David!
Maranatha.
Come, Lord!
Amen.

7 · Open thanksgiving

(Anyone who wishes may now offer their own words of thanks, as the Didache invites.)

Candle for peace

We now end our time of gathering by lighting a candle with a prayer for peace.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called the children of God.

(The candle is lit. A moment of silence.)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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