

We symbolize the sharing of our God-given love for one another through

The sharing of this, *The Bread of Life*.

The family gathers around the dining table. The Head of Household passes the blessed bread. Each person breaks off a small piece and mentions something for which he/she is particularly thankful.

When everyone is holding a piece of the bread, the Father or Grandfather offers the following prayer:



O God, you became Bread to feed us, and now keep providing food for us because you love us. Help us to be food that nourishes each other's spirits. As we share this

Thanksgiving meal, we ask you to bless us.

Bless the _____ family who shares their bread with us. Bless those who are in hunger and want.

We thank you for your gifts to us, especially your greatest Gift from the Table of the Lord-Your Bread which is life for us. Amen

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Made especially for you by:

(Insert this section into
the loaf of bread)

Join us for our Annual

“SHARING OF THE BREAD”



&
LORD'S SUPPER
WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday Evening at 7:00pm

November 24th, 2021

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Explanation of the Ritual of: *"The Sharing of the Bread"*

Which will be a part of our Thanksgiving Worship Celebration is an opportunity for us to share our oneness with the Lord, with fellow members of the congregation and with our community visitors.

We ask that each family provide at least one loaf of bread for our Thanksgiving Service. Baked bread is preferred, but you may also feel free to purchase a loaf of bread that would be appropriate. Inside the wrapping of each loaf, tear off the following page and place in with your bread.

At the Thanksgiving service, bring your loaf or loaves with you and hand them to one of the ushers upon entering the church. If possible, please prepare an extra loaf for our Thanksgiving service visitors.

If you can not be with us this thanksgiving holiday, may we suggest you make a loaf or loaves and share with your friends or neighbors during the season.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12



After the liturgy on Thanksgiving Eve

We would like for each family to take home a small loaf of blessed bread to be eaten at their Thanksgiving meal. It would be a symbol of the unity which exist between the Altar and the Home and the Members of the Epiphany congregation.

LITANY TO BE READ AT THE THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

The oldest male member of the family reads each verse (v). After each verse the members of the family and guest's respond.

V: For food and drink

We thank you, dear Lord

V: For clothes on our back and good shoes on our feet

We thank you, dear Lord

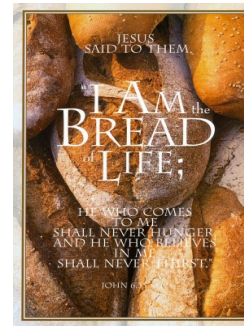
V: For transportation and places to go

We thank you, dear Lord

V: Lord, You have given us more than enough to sustain our body in this life. Teach us how rightly to understand and use your gifts to us. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us, that we may recognize their need to be Your need. Fill us with the zeal of Your Spirit that we may freely give in the same spirit with which we have received. Make us to see that what we waste each day is more than sufficient to feed many, which now remain hungry because of our wastefulness of Your good gifts. Teach us to conserve Your good gifts that others need not hunger. Help us to understand that the stewardship of Your material blessings include the readiness and the love to help those less fortunate than ourselves. By Your Holy Spirit teach us that true thankfulness expresses itself also in the loving acts of helping the needy. Show us that it is not sufficient merely to tell a person of Your love. Help us to demonstrate that love as we share with those less blessed in worldly goods. Help us to share with the hungry of this world.



Help us gracious, Lord. Amen



We at Epiphany would also like to share our food and friendship in a tangible way this Thanksgiving. Bread is the staff of life in many countries. Bread is one very unique way Jesus makes himself present among us and shares himself with us. We welcome you to stop in and visit with us at any time.