

Easter Food Blessing at Home

Leader: Invitation to Prayer

As we gather in our home today around the food we will eat and drink this Easter, our hearts are filled with thanks and praise. We will thank God for all that we are about to eat. While it is God's creation many hands have helped the food come to us. We take this time to praise God and give thanks for all those who worked to bring us food.

Reader: Scripture Based on Psalm 34:1-5,8

We will honor God at all times.

Day after day we will praise what God has done.

My heart will know and be filled with God's goodness.

Everyone who knows God is our Creator will rejoice.

Honor the LORD with me!

Let us lift up his name together!

I called for the LORD and he answered me.

I gave all my fear to him.

If you grow close to God, you will be filled with his light
and you will share in his goodness.

Taste and see that the LORD is good!

How happy is the person who trusts in him!

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

(Share what you believe God's word is saying to you.)

Reader 2 – Prayer Litany

Together let us pray. After each prayer answer, “**Jesus, you are with us, forever.**”

- We are grateful for the gift of Jesus who gives us life forever...
- Help us, Holy Spirit to always make room for you in our family...
- Let us always remember that our Baptism was the day of new life in Jesus...
- As disciples, we remember Jesus’ command to be a servant to others...
- We remember all those in the world who do not have enough food today...
- We remember those who are sick from the virus and all the people who care for them...
- We ask that this food we share, strengthens us for our mission to be the hands of Jesus...

Leader: Blessing of the Food

And so we ask God’s blessings on this food

- Easter bread that reminds us of the risen Lord.
- Butter to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation.
- Candles to remember that Jesus is the "light of the world."
- Eggs that are a symbol of hope, new life, and Christ rising from his tomb.
- Ham and other meats symbolizing great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ's resurrection.
- Kielbasa rings, a sign of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead.
- Horseradish a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus, and the vinegar it is mixed with symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross.
- Salt to add “flavor” to life and preserve us from corruption.
- Sweets suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come.

Leader: Prayer of Blessing

How good is our God!! Let us call on God's blessing on this food and on ourselves.

Everyone put your hands, palms down over the food.

God, giver of every good gift, we ask you to bless this food that we will eat to celebrate your Son's resurrection. How could we ever offer enough thanks for the power of your love? And, the gift you have given us to know your love and grow in it. Bless all of us gathered here and all your people everywhere. Help our family to place Jesus in the center of our lives and rely on the Holy Spirit to guide our words and action. Let all of our neighbors hear our joyful praise! Christ has died. CHRIST IS RISEN! Christ WILL COME AGAIN!

All: AMEN!!