

Dear Garden Park Ward Family,

14 March 2020

In a follow up to our letter of March 13, we share this additional information.

While we will miss the time we get to spend together on Sundays during this period, it is a great opportunity to strengthen our families and invite the Spirit into our homes. It can also give us the opportunity to serve and minister to others as the Savior did.

As part of teaching the “Come Follow Me” curriculum in the home, we encourage all members to hold their own meetings on Sundays, where hymns are sung, prayers are offered, and gospel study is held.

In following the direction from the First Presidency, we are trying to facilitate having the sacrament at least once a month. That being said, taking the sacrament is at your discretion and what you feel is safe for you and your family. Bishop Graham authorizes Melchizedek Priesthood holders or Priests in their own home to prepare, bless and pass the Sacrament in their own home during this crisis.

We suggest that a similar pattern should be followed as when the sacrament is administered at church, (See following page). Remember:

- Having their hands washed thoroughly,
- The priesthood holder breaks the bread and prepares the water,
- The priesthood kneels and says the sacrament prayers (see D&C 20:76-79; Moroni 4-5).
- The bread is blessed and passed first, then the water*.

If you would like to have the sacrament, and do not have any of the above options available, after this weekend, please contact your ministering brothers or sisters, or our Relief Society President, Kathy Younker, or our Elders’ Quorum President, Doug Bunker, and they will assist you in making arrangements to receive it in the future. Upon their request, the Bishop will authorize ministering brothers to assist as needed.

If you are a ministering brother in the higher risk category—a person with underlying health issues, or over the age of 60—please let us arrange for someone else to take the sacrament to your folks. *If you are requesting the sacrament, and you have underlying health issues, or are over the age of 60, please consider having the sacrament blessed and left on your doorstep as you participate behind a nearby door or window to maintain a barrier or the recommended six-foot social distancing.

We leave a bishop’s blessing of love with each of you to be diligent and wise as we care for one another, and embrace this challenge with faith, patience and strength.

Blessings,

Garden Park Ward Bishopric

Instructions

1. Those who prepare, bless, or pass the sacrament first wash their hands with soap or other cleanser. ^[L]_[SEP]
2. Teachers, priests, or Melchizedek Priesthood holders make sure that bread trays with unbroken bread, water trays with cups of clean water, and clean tablecloths are in place before the meeting. ^[L]_[SEP]
3. As ward members sing a sacrament hymn, those who will bless the sacrament reverently stand, remove the cloth that covers the bread trays, and break the bread into bite-sized pieces. ^[L]_[SEP]
4. After the hymn, the person blessing the bread kneels and says the sacrament prayer for the bread (see [Doctrine and Covenants 20:77](#)). ^[L]_[SEP]
5. The bishop makes sure the sacrament prayers are spoken clearly, accurately, and with dignity. If someone makes an error in the wording and corrects himself, no further correction is needed. If the person does not correct his error, the bishop kindly asks him to repeat the prayer. The bishop uses discretion when asking for the prayer to be repeated. He ensures that doing so does not cause undue embarrassment or detract from the ordinance. Another person at the sacrament table can help as needed. ^[L]_[SEP]
6. After the prayer, priesthood holders reverently pass the bread to the members. The presiding leader receives it first, after which there is no set order. Once a tray is handed to members, they may pass it to one another. ^[L]_[SEP]
7. Members partake with their right hand when possible. ^[L]_[SEP]
8. When the bread has been passed to all members, those passing the sacrament return the trays to the sacrament table. Those blessing the sacrament place a cloth over the bread trays and uncover the water trays. ^[L]_[SEP]
9. The person blessing the water kneels and says the sacrament prayer for the water (see [Doctrine and Covenants 20:79](#)). He substitutes the word *water* for *wine*. ^[L]_[SEP]
10. After the prayer, priesthood holders reverently pass the water to the members. ^[L]_[SEP]
11. When the water has been passed to all members, those passing the sacrament return the trays to the sacrament table. Those who blessed the sacrament place a cloth over the trays, and those who blessed and passed the sacrament reverently take their seats. ^[L]_[SEP]
12. After the meeting, those who prepared the sacrament clean up, fold the tablecloths, and remove any unused bread. ^[L]_[SEP]