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Members who have home chapels may celebrate Communion according to the Didache without being a member of clergy. Communion should be celebrated by the head of the household if he or she is baptised and offered only to others meeting with you who are also baptised.

Below is the liturgy that is used by the Community of the Brethren of Messiah as quoted from the Didache (chapters 9 and 10):

Now concerning the Eucharist, give thanks in this manner. First, concerning the cup (using grape wine):

We thank you, our Father, for the holy vine of David your servant, which you made known to us through Yeshua your Servant; to you be the glory for ever and ever.

And concerning the broken bread:

We thank you, our Father, for the life and knowledge which you made known to us through Yeshua your Servant; to you be the glory for ever and ever.

Even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, so let your Holy Assembly be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom; for yours is the glory and the power through Yeshua the Messiah for ever and ever.

But do not permit anyone to eat or drink of the Eucharist, unless they have been baptised in the name of the Lord; for concerning this also Yeshua has said, "Do not hang sacred ornaments on dogs."

But after the Eucharistic meal, give thanks to the Father in heaven in this manner:

We thank you, holy and heavenly Father, for your Holy Name which you caused to tabernacle in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality, which you made known to us through your servant Yeshua; to you be the glory for ever and ever.

You, Master Almighty, created all things for your name's sake; you gave food and drink to men for enjoyment, that they might give thanks to you; but to us you freely give spiritual food and drink and life eternal through your Servant.

Before all things we thank you and acknowledge you as the Almighty; to you be the glory for ever and ever.

Remember, Lord Yahweh, your Assembly, to deliver it from all evil and to perfect it in your love, and gather it from the four winds, sanctified for your Kingdom which you have prepared for it; for yours is the power and the glory for ever and ever.

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

**If any one is holy, let him come; if any one is not so, let him repent.
Maranatha. Amen.**

The Didache says, "Permit the prophets to make thanksgiving as much as they desire."

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