



## Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers

*The lay Eucharistic Minister greets the people*

*Minister*      The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Response*      **And also with you.**

### **Scripture Reading, John 6:35**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

### **Prayers**

*Suitable prayers may be offered concluding with the following or another Collect.*

Almighty God, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All:*    **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **Laying on of Hands and Anointing** *(if desired)*

*If the person is to be anointed, the minister dips a thumb in the holy oil, makes the sign of the cross on the person's forehead, and then lays hands upon the person, saying*

*N.* I anoint you with oil and lay my hands upon you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of his love. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

*All:*    **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
          hallowed be thy Name,  
          thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
          on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
          And forgive us our trespasses,  
          as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
          but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
          and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Administration of Holy Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given with these words*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Or with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation. [**Amen.**]

## Closing Prayer

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Minister:* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**



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