

COMMUNION ASSISTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Set up, Distribution and Clean up

BLENDED SERVICE - GROVE SERVICE

SETTING UP COMMUNION ELEMENTS BEFORE WORSHIP:

The setup in the Grove will be done by the Altar Guild. An Altar Guild member will normally be present at all traditional worship services in the Grove.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS (COMMUNION ASSISTANTS):

Come forward after the communion liturgy to receive communion first from the Pastor before helping distribute to the congregation. Do not forget to reverence the altar as you approach. This is a sign of humble acknowledgement that Christ is present in our midst. Follow the Pastor's instructions for distribution which may change for different service settings or different pastors. All communion in the Grove is by Intinction.

There will normally be 3 Communion Assistants, or 2 assistants if another pastor or assisting pastor are there. The Pastor will designate one assistant to distribute the bread and two assistants to distribute the wine. If flat bread is used, the assistant will normally break a small piece about the size of a quarter, show it to the supplicant, then place it in the hand of the supplicant and say, "The Body of Christ broken for you". If wafers are used, the procedure is the same. The wine and grape juice is normally served in a two-section chalice. The assistant will hold the chalice at a level for each participant so that they can easily dip the bread in the wine. As each individual dips the bread the assistant will say, "The Blood of Christ shed for you".

The Communion Assistants will stand in front of the section being served in accordance with the following diagram. When serving is complete in that section, the Communion Assistants will move right or left to stand in front of the next section and the ushers will direct the next group of worshipers to the front. When all sections have been served the usher will notify the Communion Assistants if there are worshipers to be served in their seats.

Communion in the Benches: If there are members of the congregation that are unable to proceed to the Altar and wish to participate in communion, the Pastor will normally designate one of the Communion Assistants to accompany him and will distribute the bread and wine to those in the benches. The same procedures as above apply.

When all have been served, return the wine or bread to the Altar where the Pastor will take care of covering and storing all of the sacramental bread and wine. After reverencing the altar, exit the altar area and return to your seat.

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CLEANING UP COMMUNION WARE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE:

The Altar Guild will handle all of the clean up following services in the Grove.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!! ANY QUESTIONS contact

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