

## **TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY**

### **SETTING UP COMMUNION ELEMENTS BEFORE WORSHIP:**

Whether by Intinction or by Kneeling, the setup will be done by the Altar Guild. An Altar Guild member will normally be present at all traditional worship services in the Sanctuary.

### **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. If communion is by kneeling, proceed to the altar before the Ushers put the communion rail in place, otherwise, proceed around by the organ. Follow Pastor's instructions for distribution which may change for different service settings.

#### **Communion 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 available, an Acolyte will have the gluten-free bread available for those that request it. 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 participant and say, "The Body of Christ given for you". If wafers are used, the procedure is the same. If distributing the wine, it is normally in a two-section chalice. The assistant will hold the chalice at a level for each supplicant so that they can easily dip the bread in the wine. As each participant dips the bread the assistant will say, "The Blood of Christ shed for you".

#### **Communion by Kneeling**

There will normally be only one Communion Assistant who will distribute the wine and one of the Acolytes will present the tray to collect the wine glasses. If available, a second Acolyte may have the gluten-free bread available for those that request it. If an Acolyte is not available the gluten-free bread will be placed on the Altar, easily accessible to the Pastor. The assistant will hold the tray of wine glasses at a level so that each supplicant can easily see the wine and grape juice. As each removes their choice the assistant will say, "The Blood of Christ shed for you". If a tray runs out of wine or grape juice the assistant may set it aside on the altar and select the next tray on top, or may have to consolidate glasses from another partially used tray. Continue until all have been served then return the sacraments to the Altar.

If the poured glasses are used up and there are more of the congregation to serve, the Pastor may decide to finish by intinction. In that case he will hand the Communion Assistant the chalice and will continue with the bread. The Communion assistant will continue as in Communion by Intinction in the paragraph above.

## Communion in the Pews

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 in the pews. The same procedures as above apply.

## Communion Completion

When all have been served, return the wine or bread to the Altar where the Pastor will take care of returning all of the sacramental bread and wine to the Credence Table. Exit the altar and return to your seat, giving reverence to the altar as you depart.

## **CLEANING UP COMMUNION WARE AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE:**

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

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!! ANY QUESTIONS contact**

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