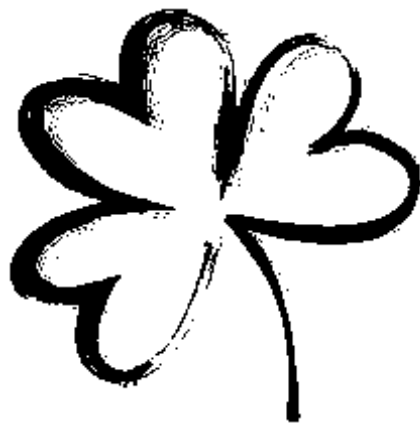


The Diocese of Los Angeles

The Parish of Saint Patrick

The Episcopal Church in Thousand Oaks



An Order for
The Distribution of Holy Communion
By Lay Eucharistic Ministers

AN ORDER FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION BY LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

This order of service is intended for use only after the principal celebrations of the Eucharist on Sundays or on other major feasts.

The Lay Eucharistic Minister should be accompanied by other persons from the congregation.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Minister Peace be to this house and to all who dwell in it.

Response And also with you.

The Minister prays the Collect of the Day, or the following Collect

ALMIGHTY GOD, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Gospel

The Minister then reads the Gospel reading for the day, or one of the following passages

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. -*John 3:16*

JESUS SAID, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."
-John 6:35

JESUS SAID, I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." *-John 6:51, 55-56*

JESUS SAID, "Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." *-John 15:4-5a, 8-9*

*After the Reading, the Minister and people may comment on it briefly.
Suitable prayers may be offered.*

The Minister, or all present, then pray this Collect.

ALmighty FATHER, 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 of Sin

Minister Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All then pray together

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.

The Minister Says

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.*

The Peace

Minister The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Minister Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us,

All then pray together

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.

The Communion of the People

The Minister then says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

And may add

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, and with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion is administered with these words

The Body of Christ, the Bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

The Postcommunion Prayer

*When all who desire to do so have received Holy Communion,
all pray together*

GRACIOUS FATHER, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.