

- ▶ On the third Sunday of each month, Eucharistic Ministers should bring their communion kits to the altar to be blessed and serviced for communion visitations. Blessings will occur after communion has been administered and the altar is cleaned.
- ▶ All communion kits should be well stocked with host, wine, and blessed oil.
- ▶ For all communion visits, Deacons and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to deliver a current bulletin and offering envelope to the communicant.
- ▶ There should always be two or more that accompany each other on communion calls. Always contact those on the visitation list prior to the call and report any cares or concerns to the Priest-in-Charge.



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Homebound Grace
Sacrament of Holy Eucharist

Order of Service

P Priest **D** Deacon **M** Minister **C** Communicant

Prelude to Holy Communion

(The vessels of bread and wine are placed on the table – opened and made ready)

P D M 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*

When the Church of the Holy Cross gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard the story of God’s saving love for us revealed in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are assured of our Lord’s presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing that you may be strengthened through your sharing in the body of Christ.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

(If communicant is unable to read or recite the Prayer of Confession, they maybe asked “Is this your confession?” If so respond “yes”)

P D M As we prepare for this great gift, let us confess our sins and hear the promise of God’s forgiveness. Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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

Sacrament of Holy Communion

P D M Peace be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P D M Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:

C **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

P D M 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 Sacrament is administered with the following words

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

C **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P D M 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.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

P D M Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**