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Jeremiah 31: 3 (NIV)

“The Lord appeared to me saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn you and continued my faithfulness to you.”

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR MINISTERS

1. Wear appropriate clothing (Nothing provocative or disrespectful to God.)
 *When invited to speak outside of LAWMLACC/OAFA the standard protocol of dress shall be a dark suite (preferably black) with black clergy shirt and full collar and robe unless otherwise specified by the host pastor.
2. Have fresh smelling breath. (Keep “BREATH MINTS” with you).
3. Remember to always ask a person if they are a born again believer and may you pray with them.
4. Lead person to Christ by using the Romans Chapter 12 Road.
5. Do not attempt to give pastoral counsel to an individual (that is not your purpose as a minister).
6. Don't give words of knowledge or prophesy over an individual without consent of the Servant Leader or the Worship Leader.
7. We are interested in salvation, and healing not prosperity.
8. Suggest a church for the individual to attend that is close to their domicile if they chose not to join LAWMLACC/OAFA.
9. Beware of any demonic activity operating in the individual. (WATCH AND PRAY!)
10. Do not attempt deliverance without backup from the Holy Spirit and direction of the Servant Leader or Worship Leader.
11. Pay close attention to the Pastor when ministering follow the instructions that are given!
12. Maintain eye contact with person with a kind look on your face.
13. Pray with the individual as the *spirit* gives you utterance.
14. Expect God's anointing to accomplish the work.
15. Stick to the pillars of the church! (LIFE SHAPES!)

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Standard Sunday Morning - Order of Service

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praise and Worship

Annual Scriptural Reading (Teacher)

Alter Call/Prayer Board (Evangelist)

Welcome & Testimonies (Prophet)

Worship in Song

Worship in Giving

Worship in Song

~ Word of God~

Servant Leader (1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)

Call to Discipleship

Benediction

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Family & Friends Day - Order of Service

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praise and Worship

Annual Scriptural Reading

Worship in Song

Worship in Dance

Worship in Giving

Worship in Song

Introduction of the Speaker

~ Word of God~

Pastoral Remarks/Special Presentations

Call to Discipleship

Blessing of the Food

Fellowship

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Holy Communion – Order of Worship

Holy Communion (Every 1st & 3rd Sunday)

Call to Worship

Invocation

Praise and Worship

Annual Scriptural Reading

Worship in Song

Worship in Dance

Worship in Giving

Worship in Song

~ Word of God~

Confessional

Scriptural Reading
1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-33

Apostle's Creed

Communion Prayers
(Body – Blood – Communion)

Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Worship in Fellowship

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Prophets and the Prophetic Word

Prophetic ministry is never primarily prediction, although prediction can be part of it. The word for prophecy comes from the Greek verb prophemi. It has two parts. Pro=forth. Phemi=to speak. The primary meaning of the word, therefore, is to speak forth for the Lord rather than merely to predict. The prophetic word releases power to accomplish the purposes of God in individual lives, in the body of Christ and in nations.

According to (Jeremiah 1:10) It tears down or uproots what is not of God and builds up or plants what is of God. When the prophetic word is predictive, its purpose is to prepare God's people for blessings to come, and to warn concerning coming events, and to confront sin and error or release the power of God for forward motion and change in individual lives, the body of Christ and in the wider culture.

LAWM/LACC/OAFA Ministry Team members who minister at our altar are carefully trained in guidelines, principles and protocols for prophetic ministry through classes offered periodically, one of which is our comprehensive Minister's School. Very basic instruction is given in our Ministry Team Training class.

The primary purposes of the LAWM/LACC/OAFA Prophetic Ministry:

1. **Edification:** to build up and strengthen
2. **Exhortation:** to stir things up and to call individuals and churches to specific and concrete action
3. **Consolation:** to settle and make sense of turmoil and pain and to reveal God's divine purposes in it in order to engender hope.

We take prophetic ministry very seriously, knowing that when we speak in the Lord's name we must be accurate and firmly grounded in both Scripture and the Father's heart. Lives can be profoundly affected.

We can point our finger to a number of areas or reasons why it has not yet happened, we could point to Pastors, to decisions made by denominations, to religious spirits, but being a Pastor myself, I have to admit that the blame lies first and foremost with a lack of integrity and an unwillingness to submit to spiritual authority on the part of many prophetic people today and in times gone by.

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Many people in our churches have been hurt by the "Parking Lot Prophet" and so has the Prophetic Ministry. In addition to walking in the office of the Pastor, I have, in some seasons of ministry, Pastored a church and I believe that every prophetic person should serve at some point in leadership and Pastoral care so that they can get an understanding of the awesome responsibility a Pastor faces, trying to protect the men and women the Lord has put in his charge.

When Paul began his teaching concerning Spiritual Gifts in 1 Corinthians Chapter 12:1, he stated that "concerning spiritual gifts brethren I would not have you to be ignorant" and he ended that particular teaching in 1 Corinthians Chapter 14:40 that "all things be done decently and in order". These are both key verses to the operation of the prophetic in the church which was the heart of the teaching.

In order for us to truly operate effectively in the gift of prophecy, there needs to be some good solid teaching that brings true understanding to the use and function of the prophetic gift in the church and that in the use and operation of the prophetic gift it must be done decently and in order.

We need to realize that there is a difference between the gift of prophecy and the office gift of the prophet. There is a different realm of responsibility and authority, not everybody that prophesies is a prophet, but every prophet prophesies. The office gift of the prophet will carry much more power and authority in sound and deed, but additionally, someone who is in the office gift will be recognized and hold a form of leadership role.

In addition to prophesying, prophets will raise up other people in their gifting, both in training and impartation. Many times a prophet will lead or be a part of a prophetic company and will be recognized as such. A prophet can lay hands on another prophet imparting and mentoring like Elisha and Elijah. A prophet can lay hands on and anoint a king or government leader like Samuel did to King David.

A prophet may prophesy direction both individually and corporately to the church, and occasionally bring correction in love and in the Old and New Testament the prophets declared judgment. As notes in Acts 13, prophets can, at the prompting of the Spirit, lay hands on, anoint and launch ministers into their assignments and calling as they did with Barnabas and Saul.

An individual who moves in the gift of prophecy and not the office gift of the prophet needs to adhere to the new Testament model for the prophetic in 1 Corinthians 14:3, "*But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification and exhortation and comfort.*"

As individuals who operate in the gift of prophecy or the office of the prophet, I needs to be understood that when one comes into a church, fellowship or meeting, that God has ordained a leader in that house and in many cases that leader is called Pastor. But, if one intends to operate in their gifting, they need to operate under the proper spiritual authority God ordained in that house.

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If one feels like they are going to operate in their gift, they need to make themselves known to the Pastor and see if that particular congregation is open to having someone bring a prophetic utterance and if so, what do they consider the proper time and timing for the use of the gift.

You can only imagine how a Pastor might feel who has someone in his meeting, unknown to him, stand up in the middle of the service, belting out a word, possibly even of gloom and doom over the Lord's people, who he is responsible for protecting. How would you feel? I know how I would feel, and my next move would be to call on the ushers to remove this individual who didn't have enough spiritual understanding or maturity to utilize their gift decently and in order.

If we are going to be recognized and effective at bringing the gift back into the body, we are going to have to work together closely, the Pastor and the Prophet, respecting one another and our gifting, callings and responsibilities. There is a commanded blessing in unity and many times people utilizing their gift in a disorderly manner, in the wrong timing or in the wrong way brings confusion and we know that, Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion.

Over the years, I have raised up more many prophetic voices and launched them into their gifting and calling and the churches that I am involved with have developed simple, but precise guidelines for the use and operation of the gift of prophecy.

First, there will never be a prophetic word given to LAWMLACC/OAFA by an outside prophet in the absence of the Servant Leader unless authorized.

Second, whenever possible, we have a microphone which faces the people. That is a good indication to a prophetic person that would come to our fellowship that we want to hear the Word of the Lord, which is spoken through God's people.

Third, when an individual receives a word, if they are known and released to bring a prophetic word in our church, they come to the front, ask the leader in authority and normally write out or share the word with that leader, who in-turn releases them by giving them a microphone and then they wait for the right timing.

If it is during worship, they wait for the worship leader to break and acknowledge them before delivering the word. If the word in the opinion of the leader would fit better in a different time of the service, they would indicate that and call that individual up at a later time. Maybe the word they received has to do with the offering or would confirm the preaching of the word, or would more appropriately fit during ministry time such as if it is a word of knowledge about an illness or disease that the Lord wants to heal.

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During the service for the most part, we only entertain corporate words and not individual words other than by the designated speaker for that service, or the person who is in authority at the service.

When delivering the word we need to, as the bible tells us when we sound the trumpet, 'make sure that it is a clear signal', speak as clearly as you can, try not to speak too fast because the Lord wants everyone in attendance to clearly hear and understand what he is saying. Start when He starts, stop when He stops, don't take away or add to the word the Lord has given you. Try to catch the tempo of the Spirit and the timing of the service. If I have an upbeat word of encouragement or exhortation, I would probably want to bring it during the praise portion. If it is a consoling word or a word that is emotionally deep, having to do with the heart and the love of the Lord, I would probably want to bring it during worship, as the heart of the Lord's people are open to hearing it better at that point.

I know that it is Gods heart from the first sound, the opening moment of the service that everything continues to build, so when I bring a word, that word needs to bring the service higher not lower. We have all been in services when the anointing on the service is built to a point, and someone comes out with a deadpan delivery or a word that has heaviness all over it, and brings the entire congregation to a lower spiritual place, rather than a higher place and He wants us to come up higher. So try to sense the tempo of the Spirit and the timing of God. The anointing at times is like a wave and when I'm delivering a word, I want to catch the wave and allow the anointing to bring the service higher.

And finally, concerning delivery, I want to try my very, very best not to bring attention to myself, but rather attention to the word. At times there may be a strong internal anointing that makes me want to manifest, but the spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet and I want to do my very best to deliver that word, clearly, precisely, with as much attention to the word as possible.

As soon as I'm through I want to hand the microphone back to the person in authority, go to my seat and thank God in my heart that He chose to share His heart with me.

Let me close with this. I have had many personal experiences where the Lord gave me a word, I brought it to those in authority and for one reason or another, and they decided they didn't want me to deliver it. This is when you get an opportunity to find out the maturity and character of the individual, not the Pastor, but the prophetic voice, the prophetic person. It's about how you act and how you react. Do you stomp off, go back to your seat, pout, criticize, complain to someone else, or were you mature enough to realize that when you came up and shared what the Lord spoke to you that you did your job for God. It is a test, a test for the leader and a test for you and I. Don't you know it's always a test?

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It is wonderful that He continually tests us because the test is an opportunity for promotion. If I pass the test, He is much more interested in our character and the fruit of the spirit in our lives than He is in the gifts of the Spirit. I hope that these few points will help you as you seek the Lord in pursuing you're gifting and calling. You and I are responsible to be that generation that brings the prophetic voice back into the church. If it's ever going to happen, it is going to require integrity, character and submission to authority so that all things can be done decently and in order.

God bless you.

Your humble servant in Christ!

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Deliverance and the Process of Healing

FOCUS: To help you understand what deliverance is and how the process of healing occurs in the life of the Christian who has struggled with sin.

Deliverance: Comparing Theology

How do you know when you are delivered? Are there signs? Will other people know you are delivered? Are there levels of deliverance? For instance, can a person be partially delivered? What part does the individual play in deliverance? Does a person who has confessed Christ need deliverance after salvation?

These and other unanswered questions about deliverance are at the root of a great deal of misunderstanding in the church. Consequently, people who struggle against addictions and other forms of sin get caught in the crossfire of superstition and bad theology.

There are a variety of views regarding deliverance from homosexuality. Some of the more prevalent ones are:

- People can be delivered, but not yet converted
- People cannot be delivered at all, and furthermore do not need deliverance from something that is natural (sin).
- Even if a person is delivered, they will always be subject to sin
- Deliverance only comes to those who want it bad enough
- Deliverance is a onetime event, and then the individual should never have another sinful thought or experience.

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I believe from my study of the scriptures and years of ministry that deliverance is a four part process involving the Soul, Body and Mind.

1. ***Soul Cleansing*** – the initial and exclusive act of God that involves a supernatural “washing” of one’s soul. First, let’s look at Psalms 51:2. The idea that David expresses is that only God can remove sin, yet the removal is only the beginning. The word wash is translated from the Hebrew *kava* which means to trample or tread. Now, let’s look at 1 Corinthians 6:11. “Washed” in this passage is from the Greek word *apolouo*, which gives prominence to the cleansing of sin connected with salvation. Thus, soul cleansing is the first stage of deliverance.
2. ***Physical Liberation*** - Anything that is subjected to habit becomes comfortable, tolerant and in time expectant of it. A body that has grown accustomed to sensual pleasure and visual stimulations derived from someone of the same gender will object when it is denied those pleasures. This part of deliverance involves you exercising the power of resistance and discipline (self-control). You don’t pray for it. You exercise it. Self-control is a Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:23) which must be demonstrated as evidence of the Spirit’s indwelling in the believer. If you are a child of God, the excuse “I just can’t help myself” is a telling sign something is wrong with your connection to God.
3. ***Mental Transformation***- the Bible makes it clear that we must be transformed by renewing our minds. In order to renew something, there must have been newness present before. In other words, we must build on our initial experience with God. Cultivate it by reading, studying, reciting and meditating on his Word. If you want to be and live transformed, it must be done by changing your mind (set). The scripture is not just asking you to change what you see, but change what you think about what you see. Perception becomes critical based on your source of truth. Changing your mental picture is by far the lengthiest of the deliverance process, because it is a constant endeavor to “die daily” and to “lay aside the weights and sin which is so easy to cling to you”. The progression rate is different for each person, but the methods of progression are the same. (Romans 12:1-3)
4. ***The Final Change*** – There are two parts of deliverance that are immediate and two parts which occur over time. The final change in your life will occur instantly. Let’s look at 1 Corinthians 15:15-53. This becomes the consummation of our earthly struggles (of all kind) with sin and its resulting deficiencies.

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The Process of Healing

Has there ever been a time in your life where you have been injured or underwent a surgical operation? If so, briefly describe it.

- How long did it take for you to fully recover from the injury?
- What did you have to do to gain recovery?
- Are there any remaining signs of the injury?

Aspects of Healing

If you are in the healing process, you will begin to see the signs of spiritual maturity in your life. Phil 3:12-16. Progress requires patience. Spiritual maturity means that your decision making, depth of understanding and response time to crisis temptation has shown a progressive quality. For instance, if you were falling into a sexual situation every time a former lover called on you, as you begin to mature spiritually, you will seek and employ preventive (proactive) measures, rather than become post reactionary. Healing creates a dependency upon God which prompts a deeper worship intimacy. *Keep in mind the parallels in physical healing and spiritual healing.*

In healing, spiritual maturity is the prize. If you are not moving towards maturity (wholeness) then your responses to homosexual challenges will not produce godliness. What you must remember is that homosexuality is but a piece of fruit on the tree of bitter behavior. Agreeing to healing means that you give the Holy Spirit permission to dig up and destroy the roots of that tree rather than just pick off the fruit.

Many of us have been called into the ministry of deliverance but may not know the proper protocol. There is a certain way deliverance must take place when you are working with a "LAWM/LACC/OAFA Deliverance Team".

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Deliverance and Healing Policy

Here is the standard protocol for Deliverance and Healing Services conducted at LOVING ARMS WORLD MINISTRIES. This is the standard protocol for all Presbytery to remember especially when deliverance breaks outside of the confounds of the church. For example there was a manifestation that occurred in a home and I was present along with other leaders and some knew what to do and others did not, this made the deliverance a little long, but praise God it happened!

1. Deliverance and/or Healing services will **NEVER** be conducted in the absence of the Servant Leader or designate.
2. Deliverance and/or Healing services will **NEVER** be conducted in the fellowship hall or during Family & Friends Day unless directed by the Servant Leader.
3. ALL LAWM/LACC/OAFA Presbytery participating in the service will operate in the calling of their gifts.
4. All young children will be dismissed to the Fellowship Hall and under the care of the Youth Minister/Pastor. The Children will be continually prayed for and spiritually protected by the blood of Christ.
5. All Presbytery present will be involved and should be doing something Spiritual. (Praying)
6. Deliverance Teams:
 - One should be praying the word softly
 - One should be interceding as led by God (may be loud)
 - Two should be working with the person
 - One praying in tongues (softly)
 - One praying and covering the leader
 - All others should be praising and worshiping God (Maintaining an outline wall of spiritual defense)

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7. If anyone feels "fear" or doubt they should immediately leave the deliverance session, fear will only make the deliverance more difficult. Demons will look for the weakest link and feed off of their fear or doubt!

8. You can talk to the demon and command it to vacate without all the extra emotional drama. Even though it may be your loved one, emotions are a distraction, stay focused and in the Spirit! You don't have to yell and be loud. Demonic spirits are not deaf and MUST obey you! YOU HAVE THE POWER TO COMMAND THEY DO NOT!

9. You don't have to hold a person down, if you are man handling a demon physically, you need to get back into your prayer closet! It shouldn't take all that.

10. Speak the Word of God while commanding the demon to come out! Tell the demon that Jesus gave you power over it and that JESUS died on the cross to save, heal and deliver! This will greatly weaken the demons power! It knows the Word, but do you? You must know God's word or demons will laugh at you and mock you, even with the Holy Ghost! (Whip you out of your clothes!)

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**How to Conduct Holy Communion
Loving Arms Council of Churches Protocol (SOP)**

WHO CAN PARTAKE OF COMMUNION?

Communion is when we remember Jesus' death on the cross. So who's it for? Obviously it's for all those He died for. It's for everyone. But I want to single out two groups who can especially benefit from communion: "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." ~ Jesus (Mark 2:17)

1. The sick

Sickness and death are part of sin's curse (Genesis 2:17). In Deuteronomy 28:15-68 there is a long list of curses that result from disobedience to God's commands. These include "severe and lingering illnesses" along with "every kind of sickness not recorded in the Book of Law" (v.59-60). There is no sickness that is not part of the curse. Even modern-day sicknesses (e.g., anorexia, HIV, ect) are covered. During His time on earth Jesus healed every sick person who came to Him (Matthew 12:15, Mark 6:56). Not one person went away unhealed. Jesus did this to demonstrate His complete and irresistible power over sin and all its effects. So before you eat and drink, examine yourself to see if there are things in your life – sickness, disease, afflictions (Isiah 53:4, AMP) – that Jesus carried in His body and paid for in His blood. If you are sick, proclaim His death and triumphant victory over sin and death! Identify your illness as a defeated enemy and lift up the Name of Him who is above every sickness. He was wounded that you might be healed, and cursed that you might be blessed (Galatians 3:13, 1 Peter 2:24). Take your Jesus' Medicine and be well!

2. Sinners

In the old covenant, sinners and unclean people were kept far away lest they contaminate the righteous. If there had been communion back then, they would not have got it! But Jesus was a friend of sinners. He went into their houses and broke bread with them. He met with thieves, adulterers and murderers and "contaminated" them with His righteousness. Sinners were radically changed by His awesome grace.

By saying "communion is only for the worthy" we have turned a new covenant blessing into an old covenant curse and denied grace to those who need it most. If communion is only for the deserving, who can qualify? Outside of Christ there are no worthy people! If you think you are worthy because of your religious performance, then you disqualify yourself, for Jesus did not come to call the self-righteous.

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Here's the good news: Jesus is still a friend of sinners! He died for us while we were sinners and He reconciled us to God while we were His enemies (Romans 5 8-10). People who hesitate over communion – both saints and sinners – do so because they are distracted by their imperfections. They draw back like Old Testament lepers because they believe that they are unclean. But you have been redeemed by the most precious commodity in the universe – the infinitely precious blood of Jesus (1 Peter 1:19). If God loves you enough to die for you, then in His eyes you must be really something special. And you are!

Communion is not a time for self-examination but Jesus-examination! The only thing that will empower you to overcome sin is the grace of God and it's not stored in your navel. Look to Jesus! His blood bought your forgiveness and His death triumphed over all your sin. See yourself crucified with Him (Ga 2:20). Reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to Christ (Rm 6:11). He is our perfect high priest, a Lamb without blemish or defect. Don't draw back but come boldly to the throne of grace for Christ Himself qualifies you.

The next time someone says "communion is only for the worthy," don't be distracted by your sin – it's been done away with by the blood of Jesus and God remembers it no more (He 8:12). Instead, remind yourself that Christ died for the unworthy. Tell yourself, "He died for me, and because of Him I am now the very righteousness of God, holy and blameless (Eph 1:4). Glory to God and thank you Jesus!"

THE MAIN PARTS OF A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

We "look back" to His death and we "look forward" to His coming again.

- ∴ The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:26 – "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."
- ∴ We look back to His death. We take time to remember Christ's sacrifice for us.
- ∴ We look back to the cross – His suffering and death – must guide the way we live every day.

Jesus said: "'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.'" Luke 9:23

- ∴ "Until He comes" – We look forward to His coming. We take time to check that we are prepared for His coming.
- ∴ 1 Corinthians 11:28-29 - "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.
- ∴ Matthew 5: 23-24 – Jesus said: "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."

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**HOLY COMMUNION
INTRODUCTION**

MOST GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER, WE GIVE THANKS THAT OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, BEFORE HE SUFFERED, GAVE US THIS MEMORIAL OF HIS SACRIFICE, UNTIL HIS COMING AGAIN. FOR I N THE NIGHT WHEN HE WAS BETRAYED, HE TOOK BREAD. AND AFTER GIVING THANKS, HE BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES AND SAID: "TAKE EAT, THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME." AFTER HE TOOK THE CUP, AND AFTER GIVING THANKS HE GAVE IT TO THEM AND SAID: TAKE DRINK ALL OF IT, THIS IS MY BLOOD THE NEW COVENANT, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR YOU AND MANY, FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. DO THIS, FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

If we have offended someone, we must make every effort to put the matter right. If someone has offended us – we must forgive and not hold on to our bitterness. We are one family, one body – this family meal reminds us not to divide the body of Christ – we must learn to settle our conflicts.

The Holy Communion service, like our Lord's command to wash one another's feet reminds us to confess all our sins and receive His forgiveness and cleansing.

OPENING PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, TO YOU ALL HEARTS ARE OPEN, ALL DESIRES KNOWN, AND FROM YOU NO SECRETS ARE HIDDEN. CLEANSE AND INFORM OUR HEARTS AND MINDS BY THE INSPIRATION OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY TRULY LOVE AND WORTHILY PRAISE YOUR HOLY NAME... THROUGH OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, TOGETHER, LET US ALL SAY AMEN.

WE SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP OF WINE

Matthew 26:26-28 "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body. Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

- ∴ This is a very strong reminder that Christ died so that we might be one.
- ∴ A covenant is a binding promise. Christ promises to love us with His whole life – He gives us His body and His blood!
- ∴ When we receive the bread and the cup, we promise to love Him and His body – the church.

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ANNOUNCE THE INVITATION

WE ARE NOW GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION – ANYONE WHO WANTS TO LEARN TO FOLLOW JESUS IS WELCOME TO JOIN US – EVEN THE CHILDREN. BUT IF YOU ARE NOT SURE WHAT WE ARE DOING, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE PART – YOU ARE WELCOME TO WATCH WHAT WE ARE DOING.

PREPARATIONS

THE LEADER HOLDS UP THE BREAD AND STATES: “**THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. “BROKEN FOR US”**

THE LEADER HOLDS UP THE CUP AND STATES: “**THIS IS THE BLOOD OF CHRIST SHED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.”**

LEADER: LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS TO RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD. IN THESE NEXT FEW MOMENTS OF SILENCE, LET US ASK THE LORD TO FORGIVE US FOR ALL OUR SINS. IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HURT SOMEONE AND YOU STILL HAVE NOT PUT MATTERS RIGHT – MAKE SURE THAT YOU TRY AND MAKE PEACE WITH THAT PERSON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF SOMEONE HAS HURT YOU, PLEASE FORGIVE THAT PERSON IN YOUR HEART RIGHT NOW AND ASK GOD TO FORGIVE HIM TOO.

(SILENCE FOR ONE MINUTE)

LEADER: HEAVENLY FATHER, PLEASE FORGIVE ALL OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST US. HELP US TO LIVE IN LOVE AND HARMONY WITH EVERYONE. LORD, BECAUSE YOU ARE MERCIFUL...

THE LEADER TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE: PLEASE HEAR OUR PRAYER!

WE PRAY FOR THE MIRACLE OF CHANGE (TRANSFORMATION)

LEADER: HEAVENLY FATHER, PLEASE TAKE THIS ORDINARY PIECE OF BREAD AND THIS ORDINARY CUP OF WINE AND CHANGE IT TO SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL – SO THAT WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP, WE WILL RECEIVE THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD – WE WILL RECEIVE HIS LIFE – WE WILL RECEIVE YOUR FORGIVENESS – WE WILL RECEIVE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. AS WE EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK OF THIS CUP, PLEASE CHANGE OUR LIVES TO BECOME JUST LIKE YOUR LIFE. LORD, BECAUSE YOU ARE MERCIFUL...

LEADER: TOGETHER WITH THE PEOPLE: PLEASE HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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SHARING & SERVING E THE BREAD AND THE CUP

AS A PIECE OF BREAD IS GIVEN TO EACH PERSON WE SAY, ***“THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST BROKEN FOR YOU. RECEIVE HIS LOVE.”***

AS THE CUP IS GIVEN TO EACH PERSON WE SAY, ***“THIS IS THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST SHED FOR YOU. RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS.”***

FOR HEALTH REASONS, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO ARE DISTRIBUTING THE BREAD WASH THEIR HANDS CAREFULLY.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT

LEADER: THANK YOU LORD JESUS FOR SACRIFICING YOUR LIFE FOR US. YOU DIED TO BRING US NEW LIFE. PLEASE HELP US TO FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE AND TAKE UP OUR CROSS EVERY DAY AND FOLLOW YOU. WE KNOW THAT YOU WILL RETURN TO JUDGE THE WORLD. PLEASE PREPARE US FOR YOUR COMING. WE PRAY THIS IN JESUS' NAME...

TOGETHER LET US ALL SAY, AMEN!

APOSTLE'S CREED

I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY, SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD; AND BURIED. THE THIRD DAY HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD' HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE THE QUICK AND THE DEAD. I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. IN THE NAME OF JESUS, AMEN.

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GENERAL CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, MAKER OF ALL THINGS, JUDGE OF ALL MEN, WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND BEWAIL OUR MANIFOLD SINS AND WICKEDNESS WHICH WE FROM TIME TO TIME MOST GRIEVOUSLY HAVE COMMITTED BY THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED AGAINST YOUR DIVINE MAJESTY, PROVOKING MOST JUSTLY YOUR WRATH AND INDIGNATION AGAINST US. WE DO EARNESTLY REPENT AND ARE HEARTILY SORRY FOR THESE OUR MISDOINGS; THE REMEMBRANCE OF THEM IS GRIEVOUS UNTO US. HAVE MERCY UPON US, MOST MERCIFUL FATHER FOR YOUR SON OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST'S SAKE; FORGIVE US ALL THAT IS PAST, AND GRANT THAT WE MAY EVER HEREAFTER SERVE AND PLEASE YOU IN NEWNESS OF LIFE, TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

BENEDICTION

MAY THE PEACE OF GOD, WHICH PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING, KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD, AND OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD: AND THE BLESSING OF GOD ALMIGHTY, THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE AMONG YOU AND WITH YOU FOREVER... NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING AND TO PRESENT YOU BEFORE HIS GLORY WITHOUT FAULT AND WITH UNSPEAKABLE JOY, TO THE ONLY GOD, OUR SAVIOR, BE GLORY AND MAJESTY, POWER AND AUTHORITY, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, BEFORE TIME WAS, NOW, AND IN ALL AGES TO COME, AMEN. AND NOW, MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE COMMUNION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH YOU ALL... IN THE NAME OF JESUS! AMEN!

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