**AN ORDER FOR THE COMMUNION**

**OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS**

*(The distribution is an extension of the Lord’s Supper to those, such as the sick and homebound, who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation.)*

**DEPARTURE**

*(Ministers please ensure you have wine and/or grape juice in your kit pending on the need of the person(s) you are visiting. Please also ensure you have gluten free wafers if needed.)*

*(As the ministers prepare to leave the church, they may say.)*

 Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender

 care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly

 bread, assist us in this ministry on which we set forth. In your

 love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we

 bring this Sacrament, that through the body and blood of

 your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding

 presence. Amen

**GREETING**

*(In preparation the closed communion kit is placed on the table and the minister greets the communicant(s) in these words.)*

*(The minister holds general conversation in regards to health, life, faith or other general topics.)*

*(OPTION A: Peace to you)*

 Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

*(OPTION B: Peace to this house)*

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

*(OPTION C: Grace to you)*

 Grace to you and peace.

 When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy

 Communion we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts

 and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our

 Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in

 the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave

 thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take

 and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the

 remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup,

 gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is

 the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all

 people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the

 remembrance of me.”

 We were given assurance 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 participation in the body of Christ.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*(Confession may be made.)*

 As we prepare for this great gift, let us confess our sins and

 hear the promise of forgiveness.

 Most merciful God, **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. 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.**

*(OPTION A: Jesus Christ was given to die for us)*

 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die

 for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those

 who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become

 the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

 Amen

*(OPTION B: Jesus Christ was given to die for you)*

 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die

 for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To

 those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to

 become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy

 Spirit. Amen

*(OPTION C: Almighty God, in his mercy)*

 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us

 and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and

 ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his

 authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of

 all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,

 and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

**PEACE**

*(The ministers and communicant(s) may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)*

 Peace be with you.

 **And also with you.**

**GOSPEL READING**

 “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not

 hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

 (John 6:35)

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*(The communion kit is opened and the area is prepared.)*

 May we now join with one another and pray together as

 Jesus has taught us.

 **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.**

**COMMUNION**

*(The minister may say.)*

 As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we

 proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*(The minister gives the bread and wine, saying.)*

 The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

 The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

*(If a pastor/vicar serves as a minister of communion.)*

 The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

 and keep you in his grace. Amen

*(Silence for reflection follows.)*

**PRAYER**

 Let us pray.

*(OPTION A: Almighty God, you provide the true bread)*

 Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your

 Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received

 the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and

 he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless

 life, now and forever. Amen

*(OPTION B: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us)*

 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed

 us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray

 that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift,

 in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;

 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**BLESSING**

 Let us bless the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

*(OPTION A: If an assisting minister presides)*

 The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to

 everlasting life. Amen

*(OPTION B: If a pastor/vicar presides)*

 The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

 and keep you in his grace. Amen

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