

A GENERAL ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(An ordained minister presides and consecrates the elements.)

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

Amen.

(Standing. As a hymn is sung, the congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying oneness in Christ and the desire to be at peace with one another.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(The Lord's Prayer may be used as a conclusion to this prayer.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the bread is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

(Hymns appropriate to the occasion may be sung.)

(When the bread has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

(All partake together.)

SILENT PRAYER

By your divine presence,
By the holy sacraments,
By all the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection,

Bless and comfort us, gracious Lord and God. Amen.

In the same way, after supper our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(Sitting. As the cup is served, the communicants stand to receive it.)

(Hymns appropriate to the occasion may be sung.)

(When the cup has been served, the communicants stand.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Drink from this, all of you. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(All partake together.)

SILENT PRAYER

Christ, the Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant to us your peace. Amen.

(A hymn of thanksgiving or anticipation of Christ's return may be sung.)

Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death,

Until he comes.

(As a hymn is sung, the congregation gives the right hand of fellowship, signifying renewed dedication and unity of purpose in the service of Christ.)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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