

THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

There are many opinions as to how often the Lord's Supper should be observed. Some churches observe Holy Communion every week, other's monthly and some throughout the year. In some churches Holy Communion is observed at the close of a service. This order of service is designed for use in an actual Communion Service rather than an add on at the end.

I. WELCOME

The people standing, the minister or appointed person says this

Welcome to this Holy Communion Service. Many worry about being unworthy and bringing judgement upon themselves. Many people wonder if they can partake in Holy Communion or if they need to attend a class before they take the bread and wine. Our search for these answers have led us to see the loving heart of God expressed in Holy Communion. We have discovered that God has ordained the Lord's Supper as a blessing to be received - the blessing of both spiritual and physical health and wholeness. When you hold the bread in your hand, you are coming in touch with the greatest expression of His love. This love caused Him to subject His body to be beaten, bruised and broken so that yours can be whole. All are welcome to receive His health and wholeness in exchange for your sickness and disease. When you drink the wine, you are reminded that the blood of the sinless Son of God did not just bring you forgiveness - it makes you righteous, holy and blameless before God almighty. So we hope to remove all your fears today and welcome you to the Lord's Table.

Then the minister or appointed person invites people to pray (recite together) the Lord's Prayer (scripture is on the screen)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen (Matthew 6:9-13 KJV).

II. PRAISE & WORSHIP, THE LORD'S TITHE, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

Then follows as per our usual service plan a time of praise and worship, the ministry of the Holy Spirit for that service, the Lord's tithe and any important announcements.

III. SERMON

The minister invites all to recite the Apostles Creed (creed is on the screen)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into Hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on 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 Ghost; The Holy Universal Church; the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Then follows the sermon (which must include the benefits of His passion)

Following the message the praise team will return to the platform and play instrumentally

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Following the message recite the following prayer of consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only begotten Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Ghost and Mary He became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the minister is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to *hold or place a hand upon the cup*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup,* and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Then the minister will deliver the bread and the wine to all on the church platform and then the congregation will come to the altar to receive the bread and the wine from the altar workers returning to their seats with the communion. The minister will say the following

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, [which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

Partake of the bread (both minister and people)

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, [which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

Partake of the wine (both minister and people)

Here a worship song can be sung being mindful and responsive of and to the ministry of the Holy Ghost for the people

After the song and time of personal ministry (prayer for the sick, etc) recite the following post communion prayer.

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

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 remain with you always. Amen.