

**Customary  
for  
Lay Eucharistic Visitors**



St. Monica's Episcopal Church  
Naples, FL

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As adapted from the Book of Common Prayer  
and the  
Lay Minister Policy of the  
Diocese of Southwest Florida

## Distribution of Holy Communion by Eucharistic Visitors

*The Eucharistic Visitor MAY be accompanied by other persons from the congregation.*

*The Eucharistic Visitor greets the people.*

**Minister:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

*The Minister prays the Collect of the Day – see weekly bulletin*

*The minister reads the Gospel of the Day, or one of other passage of Scripture below:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

*John 6:35*

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*

Jesus said, "Abide in me, as I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." *John 15:4-5a, 8-9*

*Brief comments may be offered summarizing the sermon of that day.*

*Suitable prayer may be offered*

*A Confession of Sin may be said. The following or some other form is used*

**Most merciful God, we confess that 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 and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Minister*

May Almighty God in mercy receive our confession of sorrow and of faith, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **AMEN.**

*The Lord's Prayer is said*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed by 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

*One of the usual post communion prayers is then said, or the following*

**O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding our brother/sister with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, and also for enriching our parish family by his/her sharing with us the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

*Dismissal*

Minister Let us bless the Lord.

Response ***Thanks be to God.***