

## **A Simple Communion Service For Home Or Bedside**

### **SCRIPTURAL WARRANT**

An appropriate lesson may be chosen by the minister, or one of the eucharistic texts:

Mark 6:30-44 or John 6:1—14 (22—40)—feeding the 5000  
Luke 24:13—35—road to Emmaus

or if used primarily with children, one of these:

Mark 9:33—37—receive the child in my name  
Mark 10:13—16—Jesus blesses the children

or if used at the bedside of the sick, from:

Psalm 46—God our refuge and strength  
John 6:47-51—bread of life  
Ephesians 2:4—10—by grace you have been saved  
Ephesians 4:4-9—have no anxiety  
I John 4:13—19—perfect love casts out fear  
I John 5:13—15—God hears us

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **CONFESSION**

Minister: Let us humbly confess our sins.

**A period of examination of conscience may be spoken or silent.**

Minister: May God Almighty have mercy on you, forgive your sins and bring you to everlasting life. Amen

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (to be said responsively or by the Minister alone)

Minister: We are not alone.  
We live in God's world.

People: We believe in God,  
Who has created and is creating,  
Who has come in the truly human Jesus, to reconcile  
and make new,

Who works in us and others through the spirit.  
We trust God,  
Who calls us to the church,  
to celebrate life and its fullness,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our  
judge and our hope.

Minister: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

People: We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

### **COMFORTABLE WORDS**

Hear what comfortable words Jesus said: Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly of heart, and you shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light. (Matthew 11:28—30)

Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and they who seek find, and to them who knock it will be opened. (Matthew 7:7—8)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. (John 13:34—35)

I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:35)

### **COMMUNION**

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread (here the minister shall take the bread), and blessed (here thanks may be given), and broke it (here the minister shall break the bread); and he gave it to his disciples, and said "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me" (all may partake of the bread).

After the same manner also he took the cup (here the minister shall take the cup), and gave thanks (here thanks may be given), and gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is the blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me" (here all may partake of the cup).

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**, followed by prayers for those communing and for their particular concerns.

### **BENEDICTION**

May God grant you to be strengthened with might through the Spirit, that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:14—19)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)