

# GUIDE FOR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

## VESTMENTS

- ❖ Located in the choir vesting rooms; ladies across from the hall door, men closest to the multi-function room
- ❖ Select an alb long enough to reach just above the ankles
- ❖ Rope belt (see the Verger for instructions on how to tie the belt)
- ❖ Cloisonné cross
- ❖ You should be vested and in the Narthex ten minutes prior to the start of the service
- ❖ After the service please return vestments to the proper place

## PROCESSIONAL

- ❖ At the 5:00 PM and 8:00 AM services process behind the Crucifer and read the Second Lesson
- ❖ At the 10:30 service process after the choir; not scheduled to read the Lessons
- ❖ It is customary to pause and acknowledge the Cross before stepping up into the Sanctuary

### After the service

- ❖ After the 5:00 PM and 8:00 AM services step out of the Sanctuary before the Celebrant and follow the Crucifer
- ❖ After the 10:30 service join the processional after the choir

## AT THE EUCHARIST

- ❖ Remain standing next to the chairs until after The Breaking of the Bread
- ❖ Move closer to the Altar to receive the Sacrament (at the 10:30 service wait until after the Verger has placed the second Chalice on the Altar)
- ❖ Celebrant will give you the Host then hand you the Chalice and Purificator; receive the Sacrament, unfold the Purificator then wipe the edge of the Chalice
- ❖ Allow the Priest to distribute the Host to 3 people before following with the Chalice
- ❖ The Chalice is offered to each person with these words, "The Blood of Christ; the Cup of Salvation"
- ❖ When arms are crossed over the chest, this signifies the person does not wish to receive the Chalice

## OFFERING THE CHALICE TO THOSE WHO DRINK FROM THE CUP

- ❖ Extend the Chalice to allow the person to guide it and tilt it to the mouth; when the person has received, wipe the edge with the Purificator and turn the Chalice slightly before offering it to the next person (never hand the Chalice to someone)

## OFFERING THE CHALICE TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE BY INTINCTION

- ❖ Extend the Chalice low enough to allow the person to see over the rim
- ❖ Hold the Purificator slightly above the rim closest to the person
- ❖ With children – take your time
- ❖ If the Host is dropped into the Chalice, do not try to get it out; leave the Communion rail and ask the Verger to get it out; then ask the Priest to give the person another Host
- ❖ If the Host is dropped on the floor, pick it up; take it to the Priest and ask the Priest to give the person another Host
- ❖ There are gluten-free hosts available. Please advise the verger if you know of someone who will be receiving Communion and requires gluten-free.