

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.