

## CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED

### 9 AM Instructions for Eucharistic Ministers



Thank you for saying yes to participating as a member of the 9 AM Worship Support Team for SANCTUARY. Your role is integral to Christ Church's ability to welcome all people into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

You will assist the clergy and staff by fulfilling the weekly ministry roles and encouraging children and youth as ministers in the services of Holy Eucharist held in the Church as we inspire, form, and bless all ages.

#### Before the service:

- Please arrive by 8:45 AM.
- Come to the sacristy to assist in setting all eucharistic elements on the credence table (this is the small table behind the altar rail near the organ) in the chancel and at the back of the nave for you to carry forward at the Offertory.
  - The eucharistic elements for the chancel credence table are:
    - Chalice with purificator (white linen for wiping cup)
    - Two silver patens (dish style plates)
    - Silver cruet marked with A (for aqua – water)
    - Gluten-free pyx holder (silver with plain lid)
    - You may also see the vessels with the reserved sacrament present
  - The eucharistic elements for the table at the back of the nave are:
    - Ciborium (silver container with lid) containing wafers
    - Silver cruet marked with V (for vino – wine)

#### During the service:

- At the Peace, move to the back to retrieve the vessels, and as soon as the organ starts playing, come up the aisle before the usher to present the people's offering of bread, wine, and money on the altar. Then stand at the top of the steps for the eucharistic prayer.
- After the Celebrant has spoken the words of invitation (Gifts of God, for the people...), move to form a semi-circle with others to receive communion. When receiving the chalice, avoid putting your hand too close to the top (i.e., having your fingers in the same place people put their lips). You may dip (intinct) or touch your wafer to the chalice if you do not drink from the cup. Once you have received, move to the front of the altar to collect your chalice and purificator.
- At this service, we distribute communion standing in the center of the aisle. Each Eucharistic Minister holds the chalice, standing about 3 feet away from the priest.
- At the distribution, those who drink from the cup will need more control, especially if they are taller than you. Trust them with it. Make eye contact as you say, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."
- After everyone has received communion, please bring the chalice back to the altar, draping the purificator across the top.

### **After the service:**

- Once the choir has entered for rehearsal, make your way to the upper sacristy (using the back steps, if possible). Try to be quiet as they practice.
- Place the wine in the chalices in the container marked for consecrated wine (it will be properly disposed of at the end of the morning) and leave the chalices on the counter by the sink.
- Treat any linens for wine stains using the spray and leave them in cold water in the proper container at the sink.
- Transfer any consecrated bread or wine not in the chalice to the vessels in the aumbry if that was not done by the clergy in the service.
- Wipe the large patens with a soft cloth and place a purificator between them.
- Set the credence table for the 10:30 AM service.
  - On the left side, place the silver cruets of water (closer to the wall) and wine.
  - In front of them, place the ciborium (the container for wafers) and the pyx (small container for gluten-free wafers).
  - In the center front, place the stacked large patens, behind them, the chalice draped with purificator.
  - In the middle on the right side, place the spoon and glass coaster, leaving room for the clergy to place the vessels with consecrated elements from the aumbry.
- Reset the altar for the 10:30 AM service.
  - Spread a linen corporal in the center of the altar closest to where celebrant stands, with the cross at the edge of the table.
  - Take chalice, purificator, paten with priest host, and pall, and place them in the center of the corporal, then dress this with the silk veil and place the burse on top. There is a drawing for reference in the sacristy.
- Check for any bulletins that are left from the 9 AM service and place one for the 10:30 service in one seat in the sanctuary on the right side.

*Thank you for your ministry among us!*