



Order of Communion Under Special Circumstances
distributed by Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's)

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The purpose of this directive is to provide for the principle sacrament of the Eucharist to those congregations without available clergy in their region. This practice is not to be used as a system of convenience but is a provision allowed for after all attempts for supply clergy has been made.

Licensed Lay Eucharistic Visitors are the officiant of this service and must have received additional training from the bishop's office. If a deacon is present, they are to serve in their usual roles, setting the table, assisting the LEV, and leading the parts of the service traditionally led by a deacon. This keeps the deacon serving in their roles which are a powerful testament to the people about the role of deacon to serve and to call God's people into right action with the needs of the world.

This order may be followed under the following guidelines:

1. The service schedule is recorded with the bishop through sending an E-mail (pspiegel@episcopal-ut.org). Preferably 3-4 weeks in advance so that the bishop's office can assist in finding a supply priest if such an opportunity is possible and arrange for the consecrated elements to be available.
2. Only if supply clergy cannot be arranged for the period exceeding one month and the congregation would have been without the Eucharist for that length of time.
3. The Consecrated bread and wine are to be arranged for with a neighboring congregation or the bishop's office. There may be occasions when communion in one kind, likely bread only, will be necessary.
4. The training video can be viewed to refresh what was learned in the training. It is found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPKncpPzaBE>

Order of Service:

Morning Prayer using any approved version.

<https://www.episcopalcommonprayer.org/existing-liturgies1.html>

After the Collects, of which the Collect of the Day must be one, the Order for Communion begins as such (pg. 100):

(Optional) Hymn or music for the setting of the table from reserved sacraments. It may be preferred to set a small altar/table closer to the people to distinguish this distribution. Deacon and LEV are at the table.

LEV:

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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 tresspasses,
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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The LEV says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God

and may Take them in remembrance that Christ died for
add you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,
with thanksgiving.

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 postcommunion prayers on BCP 365-66 is then said, or the following

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy
Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son
Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that
it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our
weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

The service concludes with a dismissal by the Deacon or LEV

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing hymn

Postlude