

# **A Service for the Distribution of Holy Communion by Eucharistic Visitors**

*This form is to be used only immediately after the principal Eucharist on Sunday or other Principal celebrations. Once the table is set, and after a moment of silence, the Eucharistic Visitor greets the people*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*Response*      **And also with you.**

## **Collect of the Day**

**The Gospel of the Day** *or some other passage of Scripture appropriate to the occasion is read. Comments may be made about the sermon of that day.*

*Suitable prayers may be offered. See pages 459-462 and 810-836 in The Book of Common Prayer. Or the Visitor may offer an extemporaneous prayer. The following are another possible resource for prayers.*

### **For Recovery from Sickness**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant N. the help of your power, that his sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Strength and Confidence**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant N., and give your power of healing to those who minister to his needs, that he may be strengthened in his weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For Those Who Live Alone**

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen**

### **For Quiet Confidence**

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer of Self-Dedication**

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**The Confession** *all pray together*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Visitor* May Almighty God in mercy receive our confession of sorrow and of faith, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *All pray together*

**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 trespasses, 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.**

**The Invitation to Communion**

*Visitor*        The Gifts of God for us, the People of God.

## **Administration of the Holy Communion**

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. Amen.

### **Closing Prayer** *The Visitor says the following prayer*

O gracious God, whose Christ stretched out arms of love upon the hard wood of the cross to embrace all the peoples of the earth: We give you thanks for feeding N. our sister/brother with the Sacrament of that precious Body and Blood, which is the sign and instrument of our common life, and also for enriching our parish family by her/his sharing with us the food of our pilgrimage, the foretaste of that heavenly banquet of which we shall partake with all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Visitor*            Let us bless the Lord.

*Response*        **Thanks be to God.**