

*St. Philip's Episcopal Church
Southport, N.C. 28461*

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LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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It is desirable that fellow parishioners, family, and friends be present, when possible, to communicate with the member/s being visited.

The Communion basket is handed to the Lay Eucharistic Visitor just prior to the concluding prayer during Sunday worship, or, picked up from the Sacristy immediately following the service. A Lay Eucharistic Visitor should always have a copy of The Book of Common Prayer with them for easy reference.

Upon arrival at the parishioner's home communion is set up as follows:

Small corporal is laid out. The chalice and paten are placed side by side on the corporal. The bread (wafers) is placed on the paten and a small amount of wine is poured into the chalice. A purificator (napkin) is folded and placed next to the paten and chalice.

**The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.**

Collect of the Day – Read from the Sunday Bulletin Insert

The Gospel, or one of the following passages from Scripture are to be read.

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” *John 3: 16*

“Jesus said, ‘I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.’” *John 6: 35*

“Jesus said, ‘I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.’” *John 6: 51, 55-56*

Prayers are now offered for the one being visited. The prayers used may be the Prayers of the People used during the Sunday service or any other prayers as appropriate. The Prayers conclude with the following:

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.*

The Confession follows:

**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.**

The Lay Eucharistic Visitor says:

**Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in
eternal life. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is then said 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.**

Communion is then administered with these words:

**The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.**

The Closing Prayer

**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 the Lay Eucharistic Visitor
saying:**

**Let us bless the Lord.
*Response: Thanks be to God.***