

## **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Guide**

### **St. James Louisa**

- Remember to check in with yourself before visiting someone else. Attend to your own mental, emotional, and spiritual state so you can be fully present with the other person when you visit.
- Check to be sure that the Communion Kit is fully stocked.
  - Bread
  - Wine
  - Corporal
  - Purificator
  - Chalice and paten
  - Stationery (in case someone is asleep or not home, you can leave a note)
  - Written prayers (if you would like to use them)
  - Small candle, cross, and matches
- Book of Common Prayer resources
  - You may follow the guide on pages 396-399. You will substitute “us” for “you” in the absolution that follows the confession of sin. An abbreviated order of service also is on page 2 of this document.
  - You may wish to use prayers on pages 810-841.
- Visits typically last no more than 30 minutes, and sometimes less. Take your cue from the person you are visiting.
- Communion can be a nice closing to a visit. The visit may be conducted however you’d like. Often visitors will take the first portion of the visit to talk and check in and conclude with communion.
- Please remember to consume the remaining sacrament and return the communion kit promptly.

Thank you for your role in this important ministry! You are bringing the light of Christ and the love of St. James with you in each of your visits.

**Distribution of Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Ministers  
Under Special Circumstances**

**Order of Service**

*The Lay Eucharistic Minister greets the people.*

**Minister:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**Response:** And also with you.

*Collect of the Day Gospel of the Day, or some other passage of Scripture appropriate to the occasion.*

*Comments may be made about the sermon of that day. Suitable prayers may be offered.*

*A Confession of Sin may be said.*

**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**

**Minister:** 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**

**Administration of the Holy Communion**

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the Communicant with these words:*

The Body(Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **AMEN.**

**Postcommunion 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, courage for the time Ahead, and everlasting salvation; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**Minister:** Let us bless the Lord.

**Response:** Thanks be to God.

### **Individual Prayers**

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me Ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me The Spirit of Jesus. AMEN.

O God, the source of all health; So fill my heart with faith in your love, that with Calm expectancy I may make room for your power to Possess me, and gracefully accept your healing; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you Hallowed earthly pain and gave us an example of Obedience to your father's will; Be near me in my time of weakness and pain; Sustain me by your grace, that my strength and Courage may not fail; Heal me according to your will; And help me always to believe that what happens to Me here is of little account if you hold me in eternal Life, my Lord and my God. AMEN.