

Communion by Intinction

Intinction: "Dipping the bread in the cup"

Intinction is an ancient method of taking the elements during Communion. Many people prefer it because there is not need to drink from the cup after another has done so. Please review the diagram for correct placement of all elements involved in communion ceremony.

1. Change small tablecloth (round cloth) and pulpit cloth to white.
2. Provide/fill 3 cups for water, grape juice, and wine respectively.
(Check diagram for correct placement on table: water in center, wine to the left, water to the right).
3. Provide unbroken (scored) loaf in pewter dish, and cut chunks of bread for both gold-cover trays. Place on table. (Betty Hunter provides the bread).
4. Communicants process to the front of the church, where 2-3 ushers and the Pastor stand with the elements. A separate usher finds out from those who can't come up whether they desire to take Communion, and the elements will be brought to them at their seats.
5. Afterwards, replace paraments with appropriate liturgical color (Check "liturgical colors" info on Buletin Board in Sacristy). Clean up dishes, fold table and put away, and clean up Sacristy.

Three ushers will wait at the head of the center aisle until the pastor calls them forward.

The two ushers who serve the bread will stand closest to the center aisle.

The pastor and the other usher will serve the cups.

The pastor will serve the wine, the usher the water and juice, which means the pastor will stand on the pulpit side, the usher on the organ side.

The congregation will be served first, after which the choir will be served; both groups will approach in two lines up the center aisle, and return to their seats via the side aisles (or, for the choir, by walking directly back to their seats).

The two ushers on the organ side will serve anyone who has remained seated and wishes to take Communion. When all in the congregation have been served, the ushers on the organ side will replace the cup and plate on the table, and cover the plate.

The other usher will hand his or her plate to the pastor, who will serve all three ushers.

The usher who served with the pastor will then take the plate and serve the pastor both bread and wine, and then place them on the table and cover the bread.

All ushers will then return to their seats, and the pastor will offer the closing prayer.