

Instructions for Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM)

Purpose: To assist the Celebrant and the Deacon in the ministration of Communion and to perform other duties as assigned

Before the service:

- Render assistance and direction to crucifer and torchbearers as needed, especially reminding them when they are needed to begin/complete duties

During the service

- Serve as crucifer if no acolyte is available
- Assist the deacon with setting the table for communion
- During the offertory, hand offering plates to the greeters. With the crucifier receive the offering plates as well as the elements from the greeters
- Before each worshipper receives the contents of the chalice, say “the blood of Christ, the cup of Salvation”
- For those who wish to intinct, either take the wafer/bread from the worshipper, carefully dip the bread into the wine, and either place it in their mouth or hand it back to them, or hold the chalice and allow the worshipper to intinct themselves
- For those who wish to drink from the chalice, after each worshipper sips from the chalice, wipe the rim of the chalice where contacted and turn the chalice ¼ turn. This is an important germ spreading prevention act
- If bread drops into the chalice, go to the credence table and discretely dip it out with the spoon. Leave on the credence table or consume
- If bread is dropped on the floor, it is retrieved and eaten by the LEM, Deacon, or Rector
- Follow celebrant to administer Communion to any who may be seated in the pews due to mobility issues or who may be next door in the nursery
- When all have been served, place chalice and purificator on the credence table and return to your seat

