

Sunday Customary for Eucharistic Ministers

Before the Service:

- ✘ Please try to find a replacement when you can't serve; write the change in the rota book in the Sacristy and notify the office so they can have the service leaflet correct.
- ✘ Always call if you are running late, to let us know if you will make it on time or not – we will be looking for replacements if we have less than **20 minutes** before the service.
- ✘ Please wear black shoes with covered toes.

During the Service:

- ✘ Please do not cross legs when sitting in the chancel. Maintain a posture and appearance suitable for a cathedral service. Please remember our expressions, posture and actions are noticed by parishioners and guests each Sunday.
- ✘ Please stand in unison as soon as you see the elements and the plates start to proceed from the back during the Offertory.
- ✘ If you are a Stephen Minister, please wait until the chancel party has been served communion before going to the chapel.
- ✘ When two Chalice Bearers are serving on the same side, please remember to move more in tandem rather than separately or individually.
- ✘ For those who intinct, please remember to bring the chalice down so they can see what they're doing.
- ✘ It is customary for Clergy receiving communion to take the entire chalice in their hands to drink the wine. If this occurs do not be alarmed, but keep your hands close by.
- ✘ Please be attentive to the crucifer at the Recessional hymn so that your exit is not hurried or delayed.
- ✘ Please wait until the end of the service to consume the remaining wine in your chalice – do not empty your chalice at the end of the Eucharist.

At the End of the Service:

- ✘ Return to the chancel straightaway, saving conversation with others for after you de-vest. Duties remain.
- ✘ This is the appropriate time to consume the remainder of the wine in your chalice. Please do so silently and reverently, facing the altar and remembering the words, "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation." (Though this would be the appropriate time to consume the communion wine, it is not mandatory that you consume the wine as it can be disposed of in the sacristy.)
- ✘ Please assist the Sacristan to clear the vessels from the chancel at this time. Also, please offer to make multiple trips to clear the chancel (that will not always be necessary, but would be greatly appreciated when it is.)