

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Let the Minister most certainly make it clear in a gracious manner that the Lord's Table is only for the Lord's people, born again and living a holy life (***1 Corinthians 11:27-32***). The Minister would then invite the willing participants to come forward to the Altar together with the Deacons / Elders. One of them would be requested to pray for forgiveness of sins and another to pray and sanctify the table.

Two other Deacons / Elders would make an orderly and dignified approach to the table. Then the Minister would remove the linens from the bread and the wine. From memory or otherwise, he would quote "***I have received...***" (***1 Corinthians 11:23-25***) the tray and the cup are then handed to those Deacons for distribution.

The communicants may serve each other, adding a closer touch of fellowship at the table. The Deacon / Elder hands the emblems / cups to the second person in the row, who then serves the first person and passes the plate or tray on to the third person. Then the third person serves the second, and likewise passes the emblems / cups' tray on, until all serve each other. The Deacon / Elder will receive the emblems / cups' tray at the end of the pew and serve the last person in the row. This type of observance requires clear and simple explanation to operate smoothly.

Having completed the distribution, the Minister would step forward to serve those Deacons / Elders that served the others. He would thereafter take a portion for himself. A prayer of thanksgiving would follow this by the Minister. Lastly, the communicants would return to their seat, followed by the Deacons / Elders, then the Hymn and Benediction. Music may be played softly, or the congregation may be singing during the whole process.

H/C is for all believers irrespective of their denomination – **Matt. 26:26-28**