

## **A Service of Communion**

### ***From pre-sanctified hosts when a priest cannot be present.***

Words to be said are in this style: **All:** say these words.

*Instructions are in italics.*

*This service may be taken by those in minor orders.*

*The communion table should be surrounded by chairs in a circle.*

*The elements are placed on the communion table before the service commences.*

*This can be any suitable table, with plain white cloth. A table cross should be centrally placed. Pre-sanctified hosts should be kept in the pix and distributed from there.*

*In necessity, plain unleavened bread (pitta bread or wheat based cracker) can be used instead. Each person should break a piece off for themselves. The wine should be poured into the goblet before the service commences. Red wine shall be used. A small metal or glass goblet shall be used in place of a chalice.*

*These elements will not be consecrated, but shared as a communion with each other. The elements shall not be raised, and the Sanctus bell must not be used. No blessing is to be said over the elements.*

*The leader says a prayer of welcome. A hymn may be sung.*

**Leader:** The Lord is here

**People:** His spirit is with us

**Leader:** Lift up your hearts

**People:** We lift them to the Lord

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**Leader:** It is right to praise and thank you, Father, Lord of creation.

In your love you made us for yourself, when we turned away in sin you did not reject us; but came to meet us in your Son. You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you. In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**Leader:** He opened his arms of love upon the cross, said 'It is finished!'

**People:** And made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

**Leader:** On the night that he was betrayed

In an upper room with his disciples

He took bread, gave thanks and blessed it

He gave it to them saying 'Take eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this is remembrance of me'.

**People:** Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;

His body is the bread of life.

**Leader:** At the end of supper, taking a cup of wine  
He gave you thanks and said: Drink this all of you;  
This is my blood of the new covenant.  
Which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

**People:** Father, we do this in remembrance of Him;  
His blood is shed for all.

**Leader:** As we eat and drink this bread and wine  
Let us all be one in Christ our risen Lord Jesus.  
With your whole church throughout the world  
We offer you the sacrifice of praise  
And lift our voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

**People:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

*All say the Lords Prayer*

**Leader:** We share these gifts as we share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share the one bread.

*Bread and wine is shared*

*The leader and people pass the bread and wine around. If pre-sanctified hosts are distributed, each person takes their own from the pix. No one person should distribute.*

**People:** Almighty God  
We give thanks that you have fed us  
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ  
Through Him we offer you our bodies, to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your spirit,  
To live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

*A hymn may be sung. Prayer may be offered.*

**Leader:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** In the name of Christ. Amen.

*End of service*

*Please pray for the Old Catholic Apostolic Church and yourself and your loved ones, regularly.*