**Public Worship with   
Holy Communion by Extension**

**In the Diocese of Truro**

The preaching of the Word and celebration of Holy Communion are foundational in the building up of the local Church. They are a sign of our fellowship in Christ and a

means of grace, supporting the People of God in daily life. ‘Communion by Extension’ is a provision whereby, in the absence of a priest to preside at the Eucharist, a congregation may nevertheless be nourished with the consecrated bread and wine of Holy Communion.

This service will be led by a licensed lay minister, who is authorised by the Bishop. During the service, previously consecrated elements will be shared. As we eat and drink together, so we will share in fellowship with the congregation from the service at which the consecration took place.

**Greeting and Welcome**

*Following the greeting and any words of welcome:*

*The minister says*

Brothers and sisters, in the Gospel of Saint Luke we read:

At supper with his disciples on the night he was betrayed Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’

We have come together in our Father’s presence to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his holy Word, to bring before him the needs of the world and to ask his forgiveness of our sins. In union with those who have already celebrated the Eucharist at N… , we seek God’s grace in Holy Communion. For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup in obedience to his command, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*The service continues following the usual liturgy for the parish Holy Communion service until:*

**The Peace**

*The minister introduces the Peace using these or other seasonal words*

In fellowship with the whole Church of God, with all who have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to worship on this day, and particularly with our brothers and sisters at *N* … who have celebrated the Eucharist, let us rejoice that we are called to be part of the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,   
because we all share in one bread.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The minister reads (at the lectern or minister’s stall) a short reading about Jesus Christ as our saviour and our sustenance.*

**Blessing of God for his goodness**

*All say together:*

**Blessed are you,  
God of those who hunger and thirst,  
for you give us our food in due season.  
You nourish us with your word,  
which is the bread of life.  
You strengthen us with your Spirit,  
the new wine of your kingdom.  
In Christ you are food for the hungry,  
refreshment for the weary.  
Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer.  
Blessed be God for ever.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Giving of Communion**

*The minister moves to the Holy Table and says*

The Church of God, of which we are members, has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord’s command. These holy gifts have been brought to us, that we too may share in the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

*Words of invitation and a prayer of humble access may be used from the usual liturgy of the parish Holy Communion service.*

*The minister and people receive communion in the usual manner. Those who already have the Bishop’s permission, may assist in the distribution of communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

*Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service.*

*Prayers following the reception of communion are used from the usual liturgy of the parish Holy Communion service.*

**The Dismissal**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*The minister uses these or similar words*

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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