

COMMUNION SERVICE FOR SHUT-INS

1. If the group is large enough, it is well to sing two or three appropriate hymns. Take hymn books along. In addition to the presiding elder, there should be present also at least an additional elder, a deacon, and a deaconess, along with others that may wish to join. However, the service can be conducted without an additional elder.
2. Have a deaconess prepare the bread and the wine, using the home kit. There are only four glasses in the kit, but the deaconess should have extra ones with her in case they are needed.
3. The elder leading out will read 1 Corinthians 11:23 24, which relates to the bread.
4. Someone present--an elder or deacon--offers a prayer of thanks for Christ's broken body and sacrifice.
5. The elder leading out hands the bread to a deacon, who in turn serves those participating, the shut-in first and the elder last. If there is adequate provision for all present, it is well that all participate, even though they may already have had communion in the Sabbath morning service
6. After all has been served, the presiding elder proceeds to eat the bread, the others following.
7. After a few moments of pause, the presiding elder reads Corinthians 11:25, 26, which relates wine.
8. Prayer of thanks for the blood of Christ, spilled for us, is given. The prayer should be offered by an elder, if present; otherwise by a deacon, or by the presiding elder himself.
9. The wine is distributed.
10. The wine is partaken of.
11. The deacon picks up the empty glasses
12. A closing song is sung (if enough are present for singing)
13. A final prayer of benediction, usually by the presiding elder is given, in which special blessing is pronounced upon the home and the shut-in for whom the service is arranged.
14. The deaconess is responsible for washing the glasses, et cetera.