

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

At the Funeral Liturgy, the assembly with the priest shares in the one bread and one cup. In partaking of the Eucharist, the assembly is given a foretaste of eternal life with Christ, with each other, and all of the faithful departed.

## Preparation of the Gifts

For the preparation of the Eucharist, two people bring forward the gifts of bread and wine to the priest.

The gift table with the bread and wine is located near the front doors of the church. At the appropriate time the priest will invite the gift bearers to bring the gifts forward.

## Communion

At a Funeral Liturgy, the priest distributes the Body of Christ. If you have a family member or friend who is a minister of communion and would like to serve that day please indicate this to your Funeral Planner during your meeting.

## Final Commendation

The final commendation is unique to the Funeral Liturgy and occurs at the end of the ceremony. There is a call to prayer, a brief silence, and the incensing of the casket during the Song of Farewell. It concludes with a Prayer of Commendation during which the priest prays, asking God to open the gates of paradise to the deceased and to comfort the bereaved.

## Procession to the Place of Committal

At the conclusion of the liturgy, a song is sung and the assembly accompanies the deceased to the place of committal.

