

# Worship Customary

## St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church

9:00 and 11:15 am

### Chalice Bearer

#### Before Worship

1. Arrive at St. Francis twenty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the liturgy.
2. Vest in a black cassock and white surplice (the closets on the right-hand side of the Tyler room). Please do not add any ornamentation to the cassock and surplice (no necklaces, nametags, scarves, sweaters, etc).
3. Collect a hymnal to sing in the procession from the table in the Tyler room. Your leaflet will be on your seat in the church.
4. Gather with the clergy and the choir to pray before the service.
5. Line up for the procession. Chalice bearers line up behind the youth acolytes and in front of the clergy. Line up two-by-two.
6. When you reach the front of the church, reverence the altar and then continue around the left side of the chancel to your seats.

#### At the Invitation

1. After the invitation (“The gifts of God...”) come inside the altar rail and wait near the step to receive communion. The priest will give you bread first, and then give you wine. After you have communed, wipe the rim of the chalice carefully with the purificator.
2. Wait in place until the priests move to commune the people, then take your place near the rail.
3. Two chalice bearers cover the “front” of the rail on each side (directly in front of the altar and halfway around) and two cover the back.

#### During Communion

1. Commune the people using the words of distribution on pg. 365. Either form offered is appropriate.
2. When you offer the chalice to someone, they should take it and guide it to their lips (it is OK to encourage them to do so). Hold on to the base of the chalice for stability.
3. After each person drinks from the chalice, carefully wipe the edge of the chalice with the purificator. It helps to “pinch” the top of the chalice so that you are sure to wipe both sides. After you wipe the edge, rotate the chalice slightly for the next person.
4. If you run out of wine, return to the altar and refill your chalice. Set the chalice on top of the corporal for stability (don’t try and hold it over the altar) as you pour the wine.
5. If a communicant crosses their arms across their chest, or otherwise indicates that they do not wish to receive wine, simply stand in front of them, hold the chalice, and say the words of distribution as though they were drinking.
6. As soon as the last person has communed, take your chalice to the gospel side credence table, and cover it with the purificator, and then return to your seat.

#### Procession Out

1. As soon as the choir passes the transepts, fall into the procession behind them (2-by-2).
2. Do not reverence the altar, but follow directly behind the choir in the procession.
3. Choir will peel off to the sides, but you may go directly out the back doors.