Appendix 3 - Order of Service for Private Communion

We begin our service of Holy Communion in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, amen.

Dear friend in Christ - it is your desire to receive the Sacrament of the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins, the strengthening of your faith in him as the Savior, and the grace to serve him with a God-pleasing life. In order that these blessings may be yours, we should remember the words recorded by St. John in his first epistle:

> *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

I now ask you therefore before God, who searches the heart: Do you confess the sins which you have committed in thought, word, and deed? Do you repent of them, believe on Jesus Christ for forgiveness of your sins, and do you intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to lead a godly life going forward? If so, then answer "YES."

Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God unto you, and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, amen. We join in the LORD'S PRAYER...

[WORDS OF INSTITUTION] - Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread. And when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And may the peace of the Lord be with you always!

O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace.

[WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION] - Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord Jesus, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

And now may this true body and true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. We pray:

O God our Father, You are the source of every good and perfect gift. In loving kindness You sent Your only-begotten Son in the flesh to be our Savior. We thank You that, because of Him, You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You never to forsake Your children, but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Personal prayers may be inserted here.] Amen.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.