

WORD & COMMUNION SERVICE

A Service that is a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is provided to enable the Faithful, in the absence of a priest, to offer praise and worship and to be nourished by the Eucharist. The liturgy does not take the place of Mass.

The Leader will be a member of the community that regularly gathers for Mass, a lay person or member of a religious community, and so will be known to most of those present and will be trained for this ministry.

Leaders may not be highly trained in theology but they will bring their own gifts and their love of God to their ministry and should be able to rely on the good will and support of those they serve. As with all ministry roles, ongoing formation is very important.

Keeping in mind the desire of the Church, that all who participate in our Catholic worship do so fully, actively, and consciously, those present for a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion are invited to cooperate eagerly and generously with the Leader. "We serve one another" is our motivation.

"Collaborative Ministry" is a principle of the Church. The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion properly understood is a powerful example of this ministry in action.