# HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT WITH A DEACON PRESIDING

Before the service begins, explain what will be different. The consecrated elements should remain in the Aumbry or Tabernacle, or placed on the Altar or Credence Table with a Corporal covering the vessels.

## The Word of God

The service proceeds as written in the Book of Common Prayer, pp. 355-360. In place of the Absolution, use the prayer BCP p. 80, substituting "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."

## The Holy Communion

During the Offertory, reverently place the consecrated elements on the Altar and fill the chalice and paten as needed.

The service continues as follows:

Deacon	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Deacon	Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen*.

or this Prayer:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine and bring forth bread from the earth. You give us the bread of life and you refresh us with the cup of salvation in the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. As we share the bread and wine, grant us the grace to receive these holy mysteries in faith and thanksgiving for Jesus' great sacrifice for us and for all people, so that he may evermore dwell in us and we in him. *Amen*.

**Deacon** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### The Lord's Prayer

There is no breaking of the Bread or fraction anthem.

**Deacon** The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### The Distribution of Communion

#### The Postcommunion Thanksgiving

### The Closing Prayer

*The Prayer of St. Chrysostom (BCP p. 102) or the Benediction (BCP p. 114) or another appropriate prayer may be used.* 

#### The Dismissal

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