

Prayer for the On-Going Formation of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion



Catholic Diocese of Saginaw

CALL TO WORSHIP

[While making the Sign of the Cross:]

Leader: Let us come before the God of all creation with open hands and open hearts.

All: Let us praise and thank God with every fiber of our beings.

Leader: Our God is a God of life, full of tenderness and mercy.

All: Our God calls us to build up his Kingdom.

Leader: Our God has brought us to this moment.

All: It is a time to pause and reflect on who we are as the Body of Christ.

SONG.....One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

**1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.**

**2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray ... **O bounteous God, you feed our minds and hearts through your Word and the Body and Blood of your beloved Son. May our communion bring us closer to each other so that we become one body, one Spirit in Christ. Through Christ our Lord.**

All: Amen.

THE WORD

Leader: Let us be still,

All: For we are in the presence of God.

Leader: Let us listen to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: May we receive it in our hearts.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKELuke 24:30-32

RESPONSE

Right Side: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

Left Side: The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

All: Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG.....One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

**3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.**

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