**The Breaking of Bread**

*If the words of institution were included in the Invitation or the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, the action of breaking bread and pouring wine may be in silence. The minister then holds out both bread and cup to the people saying:*

The gifts of God

for the people of God.

**OR**

*If the words of institution were included in the Invitation or in the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, the following may be used.*

Because there is one bread,

we who are many are one body,

for we all partake of the one bread. *I Cor. 10:17*.

*Here the presiding minister takes the loaf and breaks it in full view of the congregation, saying:*

When we break the bread,

it is a sharing in the body of Christ. *I Cor. 10:16*.

*Here the minister pours the wine and lifts the cup, saying:*

When we bless the cup,

it is a sharing in the blood of Christ. *I Cor. 10:16*.

*The minister then holds out both the bread and the cup to the people.*

The gifts of God

for the people of God.

**OR**

*If the words of institution were not included in the Invitation or Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, the minister, standing before the people, says the following words based on I Cor. 11:23-26 and Luke 22:19-20.*

*The minister breaks bread in the presence of the people, saying:*

The Lord Jesus,

on the night before he died,

took bread,

and after giving thanks to God,

he broke it and said,

"This is my body, that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

*The minister may pour wine into the cup, then lifts it, saying*:

In the same way,

he took the cup after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.

Whenever you drink it,

do it in remembrance of me."

Every time you eat this bread and drink the cup,

you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.