

DISTRIBUTING WINE DURING COMMUNION IN STAGE 3

1. The congregation gathers outdoors or indoors. Those who are unvaccinated are safely distanced and masked.
2. At the altar, each person or household has their own cup,* provided by the church or brought from home. The cup is placed on a small clean cloth where it is readily accessible, or simply held in one hand during the distribution of bread.
3. Rounds of bread (and a gluten-free alternative), a cruet/flagon of wine or other appropriate container, and a single chalice or cup are on the altar.
4. A cruet/flagon of water is on the credence table.
5. The deacon or celebrant, masked** and regularly washing/sanitizing hands according to diocesan protocol, pours some wine from the cruet/flagon into the chalice/cup on the altar and pours a bit of water into both the chalice and the cruet/flagon.
6. The celebrant consecrates the bread and wine and breaks the bread.
7. At the distribution, the celebrant, masked, drops a piece of the bread in each person's hands. If there is contact, the celebrant re-sanitizes their hands.
8. The people consume the bread as they normally would.
9. After distributing the bread, those who would like to receive wine hold their cups in their hands.
10. A chalice bearer, also masked, or another priest or deacon, pours a small amount of wine from the flagon into each cup.
11. The people reverently consume the wine from their cup.
12. After serving others, the celebrant drinks from the chalice or cup on the altar.

* Disposable cups are not recommended, but are allowed. If using disposable cups, please follow clean-up protocol by providing small receptacles where cups can be placed and later properly cleaned in the piscina.

** A vaccinated person may be unmasked, once the bread and wine are covered.

DISTRIBUTING PREPACKAGED COMMUNION IN STAGE 3

1. Place all prepackaged items on the altar for the consecration.
2. Distribute according to your local custom, with people coming forward to receive
3. People should consume the bread and wine at their seats
4. Receptacles should be available for proper disposal
5. Cups should be properly rinsed in the sacristy sink

INTINCTION PROTOCOL IN STAGE 3

1. Use larger wafer/hosts, and a shallower chalice/cup (these are the keys).
2. Those wishing to intinct the quarter “priest-host” (or a larger circular wafer) will receive the bread after hand sanitizing.
3. Then take the quarter-host by the POINTED end (or the larger round wafer), and dip the larger curved portion into the shallow cup held by the chalice-bearer.
4. The depth of the wine in the shallow cup is less than the height of your wafer, thereby eliminating the likelihood of your fingers making contact with the wine.” (ed. Note: and the width of the chalice eliminating likelihood of touching any part of the cup).