

**THE PARISH OF S. ANDREW, ROMFORD**  
**RITE OF ADMISSION OF LAY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

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*After the Sermon, those to be admitted come and stand before the priest who says:*

**Priest:** After due consideration and preparation, and by authority of the Area Bishop, *N and M* are to be authorised as Lay Ministers of Communion. The Eucharist constitutes the very life of the Church for which the Lord said, "I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall ever thirst." Christ is truly present in this gathering of his Body on earth; he is present as we celebrate this Eucharist, through the proclamation of the Word and in his Most Holy Sacrament. Each of us has a particular service to fulfil to enable Christ to be present in his world. Lay Ministers of Communion assist in enabling all to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ. They may, if requested, take the Blessed Sacrament to the Sick and housebound and pray with them, minister at deanery and diocesan gatherings and at celebrations in schools and hospitals if so invited by those in authority. People of God, will you uphold them in this Ministry?

**All: We will.**

*The priest addresses the Lay Ministers:*

**Priest:** *N and M*, do you wish to be admitted to this Ministry?

**Lay Minister: I do**

**Priest:** God calls men and women to be servants and, as such, you are required to be diligent in your service. Therefore, I must ask if you will seek to serve him faithfully in your everyday life?

**Lay Minister: With the help of God, I will.**

**Priest:** Because of the importance of this ministry, will you prepare yourself by prayer?

**Lay Minister: I will.**

**Priest:** You will serve the altar of God, a symbol of God's Sanctuary in Heaven. Will you seek to conduct yourself with reverence?

**Lay Minister: I will.**

**Priest:** May God, who has given you the will to do this, strengthen and uphold you in his service.

**All: Amen.**

**Priest:** *N*, by authority of the Bishop of Barking, I admit you as a Lay Minister of the Communion. May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**