

*Because of the length of this talk and because the group will move to the chapel after the talk, a break should be taken halfway through the talk. The Spiritual Director should coordinate this break, telling pilgrims that they can submit a written question during the break or during the few minutes of silence at the end of this talk. Inform pilgrims that 3 by 5 cards will be available on the tables, and they should write only one question per card. While each person is free to write more than one question, the content of the questions should directly relate to the MEANS OF GRACE talk; it is possible that some questions will not be answered in front of the group. Pilgrims should leave cards containing questions on the table; an Assistant Lay Director will collect them.*

Part 1 of the MEANS OF GRACE talk

Brief bathroom break and opportunity for pilgrims to write question(s)

Part 2 of the MEANS OF GRACE talk

Time of silence/opportunity for pilgrims to write question(s)

11:15 A.M.

Move to chapel in silence for Communion.

***Spiritual Director***

*The intent of this Communion service is to give participants an opportunity to experience the grace of God after confession of a deep hurt or need. Having heard how God's grace will enable each person to overcome his or her dying moments, participants are asked to share some dying moment in their life that will be brought to new life through the grace of God. During the regular liturgy of Communion, beginning on page 26 of the Worship Booklet, the Spiritual Director offers a brief (5–6 minutes) meditation in which he/she reiterates this theme of grace with a personal example of a dying moment. Then the Spiritual Director invites pilgrims to name a dying moment in their own life that needs the resurrected power of Jesus Christ.*

*Two loaves of bread will be used for this service, one for the Dying Moments and one for the celebration of Holy Communion.*

## Worship order for use during Dying Moments and Holy Communion Service

GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

MEDITATION

INVITATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

### ***Spiritual Director***

*After praying together the corporate Confession on page 28, replace the silence with the following words*

Now that we have taken the opportunity to jointly confess our sins in this special service, we take time for individual confession.

Friends, all of us, like Peter, have denied Jesus in some way, even though we are his disciples. All of us, whether we admit to it or not, have that within us that separates us from the love of God in Christ Jesus and both grieves and breaks God's heart. To have a deeper relationship with Christ the things that separate us from God's gracious love have to die.

In the next few moments we will have the opportunity to name our dying moment; that which needs to die within us. We will come as the Spirit moves and break a piece of bread from the loaf, which symbolizes our brokenness and the broken relationship we have with God. We are invited to lift the bread before the cross and name aloud in a word or brief phrase, our dying moment—some sin, habit, attitude, characteristic or burden that must die in our life in order for us to receive the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. In naming our dying moment, we can use symbolic words like fear, hate, or loss. Or we may want to be as specific as “the argument with my spouse, my child or my friend.”

After you come forward, break the bread and name your dying moment, place the bread in the basket and return to your seat. [*pause*] God now invites us to come forward and name our dying moment.

*[Spiritual Director turns toward the cross and models a dying moment confession.]*

DYING MOMENTS

WORDS OF PARDON

*(Holding the basket)* Here is the brokenness we have confessed. Friends, the reality is that even before we knew it Christ died for us, paid the price for our sins, and offered us wholeness. We now leave our brokenness at the foot of the cross. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! This is grace! Let us now turn to page 29 and celebrate Holy Communion.

***Spiritual Director***  
*Places the basket at the foot of the cross, uncovers the second loaf and the cup, and proceeds with The Great Thanksgiving on page 29.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
THE LORD’S PRAYER  
GIVING THE BREAD & CUP  
PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Spiritual Director**

In a moment we will leave this chapel and go to lunch. After lunch there is a long break. Remember that the spiritual directors are here for you if you would like to talk. *(Pause)* Let us stand as we are able and sing . . .

HYMN  
BENEDICTION

**Lay Director**

We will now go to the dining room in silence. We will break the silence as we sing our grace before the meal, and then we are free to talk as usual.

- 12:00 NOON            Move to dining room for lunch. *(Note: Joke time may be inappropriate so soon after the Dying Moments Communion. Assistant Lay Directors, check with the Spiritual Director.)*
- Music Directors lead singing of grace before and after meal.
- 12:45 P.M.            Long break; pilgrims may rest or exercise; stay on grounds. *(Important: Do not sacrifice this break to make up for lost time.)*

*The Assistant Lay Director should give the pilgrims’ written questions to the Weekend Spiritual Director, who, in consultation with the other Spiritual Directors, decides (1) which questions to address during the fifteen minutes allotted for this activity, and (2) which of the available Spiritual Directors will answer each question.*

1:55 P.M.            Assistant Lay Directors call everyone back to conference room.