

Rite for the Distribution of Holy Communion in the Hospital, Extended Care Facility or Nursing Home Setting

Upon entering the room, the minister introduces her/himself and verifies the identity of the person they are visiting and inquires if the individual wishes to receive Holy Communion. If so, the following rite is said:

Let us begin in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Antiphon: How holy this feast in which Christ is our food: his passion is recalled, grace fills our hearts, and we receive a pledge of the glory to come.

Penitential Rite: To prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins and take a moment to ask the Lord for his mercy and forgiveness. *Pause*

Lord's Prayer: Now let us pray together to the Father in the words Jesus gave us: "Our Father..." *Patient may not be able to recite prayer*

Invitation to Communion: *Minister holds up the host for the patient to see and says:*

"Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

Communicant and minister respond together:

"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and me soul shall be healed."

The minister gives the Eucharist saying: "The Body of Christ"

Pause to allow for personal recollection and prayer then say:

Concluding Prayer: God our Father, our help for all times, allow this Holy Eucharist to renew and strengthen us to face life with courage. Ease our burdens and make our faith strong that we may always have confidence and trust in your loving care. Amen

Prayer of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and *Insert person's name* desires to receive you into her/his soul. Since she/he cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into his/her heart, and unite him/her wholly to you and never permit her/him to be separated from you.
Amen