

The minister then says the concluding prayer:

Minister: Let us pray.
Nourished by this sacred gift,
O Lord,
we give you thanks
and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth
of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power
has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

All say: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Then the minister invokes God's blessing and, crossing himself, says:

Minister: May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil,
And bring us to everlasting life.

All say: Amen.



Administration of Holy Communion to the Sick by an Extraordinary Minister

(from *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*)

A priest or deacon administers communion or viaticum to the sick in the manner prescribed by the *Rite of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick*. When an acolyte or an extraordinary minister, duly appointed, gives communion to the sick, the rite here described is followed.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

GREETING

The minister approaches the sick person and greets him and the others present in a friendly manner, using one of the following greetings:

Minister: Peace to this house
and to all who live in it.

or,

Grace and peace to you
from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God for ever.

All respond: Blessed be God for ever.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The minister invites the sick person and those present to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

Minister: Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A pause for silent reflection follows.

All say: I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I
have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The minister concludes:

Minister: May almighty God
have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All say: Amen.

Another form of the Penitential Act from the *Roman Missal* may be used.

THE SHORT FORM OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A brief passage from sacred scripture may then be read by one of those present or by the minister himself.

John 14:23

Jesus answered:
“Anyone who loves me will be true to my
word, and my Father will love him;
we will come to him and make our dwelling
place with him.”

Another text may be read, especially making use of the readings of the day.

HOLY COMMUNION

The minister then introduces the Lord's Prayer in these words:

Minister: At the Savior's command,
And formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All say: Our Father . . .

Then the minister shows the host, saying:

Minister: 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.

The sick person and the other communicants say once:

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

The minister goes to the sick person and, showing him the sacrament, says:

The Body of Christ.

The sick person answers:

Amen.

and receives communion. Others present then receive in the usual manner.

After communion the minister washes the vessel as usual. A period of silence may now be observed.