

2. THE SHORT RITE WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

42. This form of service is used when the longer, more elaborate form is unsuitable, especially when there are only one or two for communion and a true community celebration is impossible.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

43. When everything is ready (see nos. 19-20), the minister greets the communicants.

GREETING

[27]

If he is a priest or deacon, he says:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The people answer: **And also with you.**

Or:

The Lord be with you.

The people answer: **And also with you.**

If the minister is not a priest or deacon, he greets those present with these or similar words:

**Brothers and sisters,
the Lord invites us (you) to his table
to share in the body of Christ:
bless him for his goodness.**

The people answer: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Another form of greeting, no. 189, may be chosen:

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The people answer: **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

or:

And also with you.

Any other customary forms of greeting from scripture may be used.

PENITENTIAL RITE

The penitential rite follows, and the minister invites the people to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words [28]:

**My brothers and sisters,
to prepare ourselves for this celebration,
let us call to mind our sins.**

A pause for silent reflection follows.

All say:

**I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
They strike their breast:
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and 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:

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

The people answer: **Amen.**

Other forms of the penitential rite, no. 190 or 191, may be chosen.

THE SHORT FORM OF THE READING OF THE WORD

44. Omitting the celebration of the word of God, the minister or other person should read a short scriptural text referring to the bread of life.

[John 6:54-55

John 6:54-58

John 14:6
John 14:23
John 15:4
1 Corinthians 11:26
1 John 4:16

See nos. 133ff. for a further selection of texts.

HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

45. The minister takes the ciborium or pyx containing the body of the Lord, places it on the altar, and genuflects. He then introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words:

**Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Savior gave us:**

He continues with the people:

Our Father. . . .

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

46. The minister genuflects. Taking the host, he raises it slightly over the vessel or pyx and, facing the people, says:

**This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.**

The communicants say once:

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

COMMUNION

47. If the minister receives communion, he says quietly:

May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.

He reverently consumes the body of Christ.

48. Then he takes the vessel or pyx and goes to the communicants. He takes a host for each one, raises it slightly, and says:

The body of Christ.

The communicant answers: **Amen**, and receives communion.

49. After communion the minister puts any particles left on the plate into the pyx, and he may wash his hands. He returns any remaining hosts to the tabernacle and genuflects.

SILENCE, PSALM, OR SONG OF PRAISE

A period of silence may now be observed, or a psalm or song of praise may be sung.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

50. The minister then says the concluding prayer:

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you gave us the eucharist as the memorial of your
suffering and death.**

**May our worship of this sacrament of your body and
blood**

**help us to experience the salvation you won for us
and the peace of the kingdom
where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

The people answer: **Amen.**

Other prayers, nos. 210-222, may be chosen.

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

51. If the minister is a priest or deacon, he extends his hands and, facing the people, says:

The Lord be with you.

The people answer: **And also with you.**

He blesses the people with these words:

**May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit.**
The people answer: **Amen.**

52. If the minister is not a priest or deacon, he invokes God's blessing, and crossing himself says:

**May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.**

OR:

**May the almighty and merciful God bless and protect
us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**
The people answer: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

53. Finally the minister says:

Go in the peace of Christ.
The people answer: **Thanks be to God.**

Then after the customary reverence, the minister leaves.

CHAPTER II

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION AND VIATICUM TO THE SICK BY AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

54. 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.

55. Those who cannot receive communion in the form of bread may receive it in the form of wine. The precious blood must be carried to the sick person in a vessel so secured as to eliminate all danger of spilling. The sacrament should be administered with due regard to the individual concerned, and the rite for giving communion under both kinds provides a choice of methods. If all the precious blood is not consumed, the minister himself must consume it and then wash the vessel as required.

1. THE ORDINARY RITE OF COMMUNION OF THE SICK

INTRODUCTORY RITE

GREETING

56. Wearing the appropriate vestments (see no. 20), the minister approaches the sick person and greets him and the others present in a friendly manner. He may use this greeting:

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

Any other customary form of greeting from scripture may be used. Then he places the sacrament on the table, and all adore it.