

The minister goes to the sick person and, showing the Blessed Sacrament, says:

The body of Christ.

The sick person answers: Amen, and receives communion.

Others present who wish to receive communion then do so in the usual way.

SILENT PRAYER

Then a period of silence may be observed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The minister says a concluding prayer.

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

God our Father,  
you have called us to share the one bread and one cup  
and so become one in Christ.  
Help us to live in him  
that we may bear fruit,  
rejoicing that he has redeemed the world.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

### CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

A minister who is not a priest or deacon invokes God's blessing and makes the sign of the cross on himself or herself, while saying:

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

All: Amen.

## Communion of the Sick

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

When everyone is present, a suitable song may be sung. After the singing, the minister says:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross and reply:

Amen.

GREETING

The minister who is a layperson greets those present in the following words:

Minister: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

PENITENTIAL RITE

The minister invites the sick person and all present to join in the penitential rite, using these or similar words.

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

After a brief period of silence, the penitential rite continues.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### READING

The word of God is proclaimed by one of those present or by the minister.

John 6.51

A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

Jesus says:

“I myself am the living bread come down from heaven.

If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever;  
the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A brief period of silence may be observed after the reading of the word of God.

The minister may then give a brief explanation of the reading, applying it to the needs of the sick person and those who are looking after him or her.

### UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The universal prayer may be said after the commentary on Sacred Scripture.

Minister: God asks us to turn to him in our need, and so we pray for ourselves and for all who are in need.

That God may pour healing grace into all who are sick, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may raise the hopes of all who suffer, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may give strength to all who care for the sick, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may comfort those who sorrow and mourn, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may give peace and joy to those who seek him, we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: Loving Lord, God of mercy, we believe you are quick to hear us as we call to you. Bless us with the gifts and graces that you know are best for us. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord now and forever.

All: Amen.

## LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

The minister introduces the Lord’s Prayer in these words:

At the Savior’s command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

All say:

Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
the will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us:  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

### COMMUNION

The minister shows the Eucharistic bread to those present, saying:

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 all who are to receive communion say:

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