

COMMUNION IN ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

81. The minister greets the sick person and the others present.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟. And with your spirit.

The minister then places the blessed sacrament on the table, and all join in adoration.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER

82. If it seems desirable, the priest or deacon may sprinkle the sick person and those present with holy water.

Let this water call to mind our baptism into Christ, who by his death and resurrection has redeemed us.

If the sacrament of penance is now celebrated, the penitential rite is omitted.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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

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

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

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:

Lord, have mercy.

℟. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

℟. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength:

Lord, have mercy.

℟. Lord, have mercy.

The minister concludes the penitential rite with the following:

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

℟. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

84. The word of God is proclaimed by one of those present or by the minister (preferably use the Gospel from the Sunday of the week).

RESPONSE

85. 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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

86. The general intercessions may be said. With a brief introduction the minister invites all those present to pray. After the intentions the minister says the concluding prayer. It is desirable that the intentions be announced by someone other than the minister.

LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

87. The minister introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words:

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

All say:

Our Father ...

COMMUNION

88. 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.

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.

Then the minister says:

The blood of Christ.

The sick person answers: "Amen," and receives communion.

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

After the conclusion of the rite, the minister cleanses the vessel as usual.

SILENT PRAYER

89. Then a period of silence may be observed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

90. 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.

℟. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

BLESSING

91. The priest or deacon blesses the sick person and the others present. If, however, any of the blessed sacrament remains, he may bless the sick person by making a sign of the cross with the blessed sacrament, in silence.

May God the Father bless you.

℟. Amen.

May God the Son heal you.

℟. Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit enlighten you.

℟. Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

℟. Amen.

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:

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

℟. Amen.

COMMUNION IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION

INTRODUCTORY RITE

ANTIPHON

92. The rite may begin in the church, the hospital chapel, or the first room, where the minister says the following 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.

If it is customary, the minister may be accompanied by a person carrying a candle.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREETING

93. On entering each room, the minister may use the following greeting:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℟. And with your spirit.

The minister then places the blessed sacrament on the table, and all join in adoration.

If there is time and it seems desirable, the minister may proclaim a Scripture reading.

LORD'S PRAYER

94. When circumstances permit (for example, when there are not many rooms to visit), the minister is encouraged to lead the sick in the Lord's Prayer. The minister introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words:

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to say:

All say:

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CONCLUDING RITE

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

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you have called us to share the one bread
and one cup

and so become one in Christ.
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that we may bear fruit,
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℞. Amen.

The blessing is omitted and the minister cleanses the vessel as usual.