

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 one of the following antiphons:

A

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.

B

How gracious you are, Lord:
your gift of bread from heaven
reveals a Father's love and brings us perfect joy.
You fill the hungry with good things
and send the rich away empty.

C

I am the living bread
come down from heaven.
If you eat this bread
you will live for ever.
The bread I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world.

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

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LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

GREETING

93 On entering each room, the minister may use one of the following greetings:

A

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/. And also with you.

B

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

R/. And also with you.

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 from those found on pages 66-67 or those appearing in Part III.

THE 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:

A

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

B

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

All say:

Our Father . . .

Liturgy of Holy Communion

COMMUNION

95 The minister shows the eucharistic bread to those present, s

A

**This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who hunger and thirst,
for they shall be satisfied.**

B

**This is the bread of life.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

The sick person and all who are to receive communion say:

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

The minister goes to the sick person and, showing the blessed sac
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
way.

Concluding Rite

CONCLUDING PRAYER

96 The concluding prayer may be said either in the last room visited, in
the church, or chapel. One of the following may be used. [63]

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

A

**God our Father,
you have called us to share the one bread and one cup
and so become one in Christ.** [235]

**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.

R/. Amen.

B

**All-powerful and ever-living God,
may the body and blood of Christ your Son
be for our brothers and sisters
a lasting remedy for body and soul.** [57]

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

C

**All-powerful God,
we thank you for the nourishment you give us
through your holy gift.**

**Pour out your Spirit upon us
and in the strength of this food from heaven
keep us single-minded in your service.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R/. Amen.

A BLESSING OF THE SICK (FOR ADULTS)

[A lay minister traces the sign of the cross on the forehead of each sick person and says the following prayer of blessing]

*Lord, our God,
Who watch over your creatures with unfailing care,
keep us in the safe embrace of your love.
Minister to them and heal their illnesses,
so that they may have from you the help they long for.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF A MINISTER OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, I am in your Sacred Presence about to take the Bread of Life to those who are unable to participate in the parish celebration of the Eucharist. Thank you for the honor to carry Christ to them. Bless my hands that they may be fitting instruments of this Holy Visitation. Bless my heart, that I may prayerfully carry the Bread of Life to those in need. May my attitude, my reverence and my concern for others be of Your divine heart. I ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer 1 Almighty God, we ask your intercession for your child, our friend's health. May Your healing hand rest on him/her and may Your love give them peace and comfort. Amen.

Prayer for the Sick and Suffering

Lord, we lift up to you those who are sick, suffering, lonely, and experiencing despair. We ask that you would bring them healing, relief and peace. May they feel your presence with them, and may they be comforted by your love. We pray that you will strengthen them in body, mind, and spirit. Amen.

Prayer for Strength and Healing

Lord, we pray for those who are sick and in need of healing. We ask that you would give them the strength to endure their suffering, and that you would bring them healing and restoration. May they feel your presence with them, and may they be comforted by your love. We pray that you will grant them peace and rest, and relief of suffering. Amen.

**THE ORDINARY RITE OF
COMMUNION OF THE SICK**

****Before beginning, be sure TV or radio is turned off,
so there is a reverent silence.****

GREETING...

(Greet all present. Place the host (still in pyx) on a nearby table.
Then enter into prayer beginning with the Sign of the Cross.)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE...

**Minister: Let us turn with confidence to the Lord and ask for the
forgiveness of all our sins.**

All:
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

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

All: Amen.

(Here you might read one reading from Sunday's Liturgy)

<i>Can use for group or individual</i>
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THE LORD'S PRAYER...

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

All: Our Father...

COMMUNION...

(the minister opens pyx and elevates one of the hosts
while saying the following)

**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.**

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

Minister: The Body of Christ.

SILENT PRAYER...(a period of silence is observed)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION...

Minister: Let us pray.
All powerful God, we thank you for the nourishment
You give us through Your holy gift.
Pour out Your Spirit upon us and in the strength
of this food from heaven.
Keep us single minded in Your service. Amen.

BLESSING...

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