

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK BY AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

1. THE ORDINARY RITE OF COMMUNION OF THE SICK

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Greeting

56. Wearing the appropriate vestments (see no. 20; Booklet I), 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.

Penitential Rite

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

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

A pause for silent reflection follows.

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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.

Or:

[190]

The minister invites the people to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

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to prepare ourselves for this celebration,
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A pause for silent reflection follows.

The minister says:

Lord, we have sinned against you.

The people answer:

Lord, have mercy.

Minister:

Lord, show us your mercy and love.

The people answer:

And grant us your salvation.

The minister concludes:

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forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.**

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The minister, or someone else, makes the following or other invocations:

Minister:

**You brought us to salvation by your paschal
mystery:
Lord, have mercy.**

The people answer:

Lord, have mercy.

Minister:

**You renew us by the wonders of your passion:
Christ, have mercy.**

The people answer:

Christ, have mercy.

Minister:

**You give us your body to make us one with
your Easter sacrifice:
Lord, have mercy.**

The people answer:

Lord, have mercy.

The minister concludes:

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

The people answer:

Amen.

THE SHORT FORM OF THE READING OF THE WORD

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

John 6:54-58

**He who feeds on my flesh
and drinks my blood
has life eternal,
and I will raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood real drink.
The man who feeds on my flesh
and drinks my blood
remains in me, and I in him.
Just as the Father who has life sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so that man who feeds on me
will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.**

**Unlike your ancestors who ate and died
nonetheless,
the man who feeds on this bread shall live forever.**

John 14:6

Jesus told him:

**"I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through me."**

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."**

John 15:4

**Live on in me, as I do in you.
No more than a branch can bear fruit of itself
apart from the vine,
can you bear fruit
apart from me.**

John 15:5

**I am the vine, you are the branches.
He who lives in me and I in him,
will produce abundantly,
for apart from me you can do nothing.**

1 Corinthians 11:26

**Every time, then, you eat this bread and
drink this cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until
he comes.**

**We have come to know and to believe
in the love God has for us.
God is love,
and he who abides in love
abides in God,
and God in him.**

See the *Rite of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick* (nos. 247ff. or 153ff.) for a further selection of texts.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

**Now let us pray together to the Father in the
words given us by our Lord Jesus Christ.**

He continues with the people:

Our Father . . .

60. Then the minister shows the holy eucharist, saying:

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

The sick person and the other communicants say once:

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

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

The body of Christ (or: The blood of Christ).

The sick person answers:

Amen,

and receives communion.

Others present then receive in the usual manner.

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

The minister then says the concluding prayer:

Let us pray.

**God our Father, almighty and eternal,
we confidently call upon you,
that the body [and blood] of Christ
which our brother (sister) has received
may bring him (her)
lasting health in mind and body.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The people answer:

Amen.

Other prayers may be chosen:

[210]

**Father,
you have brought to fulfillment the work of
our redemption
through the Easter mystery of Christ your Son.
May we who faithfully proclaim his death and
resurrection in these sacramental signs
experience the constant growth of your
salvation in our lives.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Or:

[211]

**Lord,
you have nourished us with one bread from
heaven.
Fill us with your Spirit,**

and make us one in peace and love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Or: [212]

Lord,
may our sharing at this holy table make us holy.
By the body and blood of Christ
join all your people in brotherly love.
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Father,
you give us food from heaven.
By our sharing in this mystery
teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and to love the things of heaven.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Or: [214]

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we give thanks for these holy mysteries
which bring to us here on earth
a share in the life to come,
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Or: [215]

All-powerful God,
you renew us with your sacraments.
Help us to thank you by lives of faithful service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Or: [216]

God our Father,
you give us a share in the one bread and
the one cup
and make us one in Christ.

**Help us to bring your salvation and joy
to all the world.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Or:

[217]

Lord,

**you renew us at your table with the
bread of life.**

**May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Or:

[218]

Lord,

**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.

Or:

[219]

Lord,

**we are renewed by the breaking of one bread.
Keep us in your love**

and help us to live the new life Christ won for us.

Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

During the Easter season the following prayers are preferred:

Lord,

[220]

**you have nourished us with your Easter
sacraments.**

**Fill us with your Spirit
and make us one in peace and love.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Or:

[221]

**Lord,
may this sharing in the sacrament of your Son
free us from our old life of sin
and make us your new creation.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Or:

[222]

**Almighty and ever-living Lord,
you restored us to life
by raising Christ from death.
Strengthen us by this Easter sacrament;
may we feel its saving power in our daily life.**

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

63. Then the minister 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.

2. SHORT RITE OF COMMUNION OF THE SICK

64. This shorter rite is to be used when communion is given in different rooms of the same building, such as a hospital. Elements taken from the ordinary rite may be added according to circumstances.

65. The rite may begin in the church or chapel or in 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.**

Other antiphons may be chosen: [201]

**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 away empty the rich in their pride.**

Or: [202]

**Body of Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary,
body bowed in agony,
raised upon the cross
and offered for us in sacrifice,
body pierced and flowing with blood and water,
come at the hour of our death
as our living bread,
the foretaste of eternal glory:
come, Lord Jesus,
loving and gracious Son of Mary.**

Or: [203]

**I am the living bread
come down from heaven.
If anyone eats this bread
he shall live for ever.**

**The bread I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world.**

66. Then the minister may be escorted by someone carrying a candle. He says to all the sick persons in the same room or to each communicant individually:

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

The one who is to receive communion then says once:

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
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He receives communion in the usual manner.

67. The rite is concluded with a prayer which may be said in the church or chapel or in the last room:

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