

Appendix B

The Ordinary Rite of Communion of the Sick

Introductory Rite

Greeting

- 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

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

**Brothers and Sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins
and so prepare ourselves for this celebration.**

A pause for silent reflection follows:

All say:

**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;**

They strike their breast:

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.

The minister concludes:

May the 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 may be chosen:

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

Brothers and Sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins
and so prepare ourselves for this celebration.

A pause for silent reflection follows.

The minister says: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
The people answer: For we have sinned against you.
Minister: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
The people answer: And grant us your salvation.

The minister concludes:

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

The people answer:

OR:

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

Brothers and Sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins
and so prepare ourselves for this celebration.

A pause for silent reflection follows.

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

Minister: You brought us to salvation by your paschal
mystery:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You renew us by the wonders of your passion:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You give us your body to make us one with you

Easter sacrifice:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The people answer:

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

A brief passage from Sacred Scriptures may then be read by one of the present or by the minister himself:

John 6:54-58

He who feeds on my flesh
and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
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.

1 John 4:16

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

- The minister then introduces the Lord’s Prayer in these or similar words:
At the Saviour’s command and formed by divine teachings, we dare to say:
- He continues with the people:
Our Father ...
- Then the minister shows the holy Eucharist, 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 the other communicants say once:
**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 him/her the sacrament, says:
- The sick person answers:
Amen.
... and receives communion.
- Others present then receive in the usual manner.
- 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.
Through Christ our Lord.**

The people answer: **Amen.**

Other prayers may be chosen:

**Father,
you have brought to fulfilment 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.
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Or Lord,
you have nourished us with one bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Spirit, and make us one in peace and love.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Or 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
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Or 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 Lord,
We give thanks for these holy mysteries
which bring to us here on earth
a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord.**

**Or All Powerful God
you renew us with your sacraments.
Help us to thank you by lives of faithful service.
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Or 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.
Through Christ our Lord.**

**Or 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 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 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,
you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with your Spirit
and make us one in peace and love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Or 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 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.
Through Christ our Lord.

Concluding Rite

- 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.
Amen.

The people answer: Amen.