

Communion of the Sick in Ordinary Circumstances by an Extraordinary Minister

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74. When the Eucharist is brought to the sick, it should be carried in a pyx [and a burse]... Those who are with the sick should be asked to prepare a table covered with a linen cloth upon which the Blessed Sacrament will be placed. Lighted candles [may be] prepared. Care should be taken to make the occasion special and joyful.

When an acolyte or an extraordinary minister, duly appointed, gives communion to the sick, the rite here described is followed.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

GREETING

The lay minister greets the sick person and the others present. One of the following may be used:

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| A.
Peace be with this
house and with all
who live here. | B.
The peace of the
Lord be with you. | C.
The grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of
God and the
communion of the
Holy Spirit be with
you all. | D.
Grace to you and
peace from God
our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ. |
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Minister adds: Blessed be God forever.

All: Blessed be God forever.

The minister then places the Blessed Sacrament on the table, and all join in a moment of adoration.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The minister invites the sick person and those present to join in the Penitential Act, using these words:

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

A pause for silent reflection follows. Then all recite together the formula of general confession below, or another form of the Penitential Act from the *Roman Missal* may be used.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The word of God is proclaimed by one of those present or by the minister. In place of one of the following readings, the minister may choose a reading(s) from the Sunday Scriptures, especially the Gospel.

A. John 6:51 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jesus says: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh, for the life of the world." The Gospel of the Lord.	B. John 14:6 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jesus says: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." The Gospel of the Lord.
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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. [Or, the minister may discuss the Homily given by the Priest or Deacon at the Sunday Mass.]

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

The Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful) may be said. With a brief introduction, the minister invites all 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, if possible. The following examples, or similar words, may be used:

Minister's Introduction: To God the Father almighty, dear brothers and sisters, may every prayer of our heart be directed, for it is his will that all humanity should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Reader: 1. For the holy Church of God, that the Lord may graciously watch over her and care for her, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: 2. For the peoples of all the world, that the Lord may graciously preserve harmony among them, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: 3. For all who are oppressed by any kind of need, that the Lord may graciously grant them relief, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: 4. For ourselves and our own community, that the Lord may graciously receive us as a sacrifice acceptable to himself, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Minister: O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

All: Our Father . . .

Then the minister shows the host, saying:

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.

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 them the sacrament, says:

Minister: 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.

A period of sacred silence may now be observed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The minister says a concluding prayer. One of the following may be used:

Minister: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

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| <p>A.
All-powerful and ever-living God, may the Body and Blood of Christ your Son be for our brother/sister N. a lasting remedy for body and soul.</p> | <p>B.
O God, who have accomplished the work of human redemption through the Paschal Mystery of your Only Begotten Son, graciously grant that we, who confidently proclaim, under sacramental signs, the Death and Resurrection of Christ, may experience continued increase of your saving grace.</p> | <p>C.
O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world.</p> | <p>D.
Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered.</p> |
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Minister: Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

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 one of the following:

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| <p>A.
May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.</p> | <p>B.
May the almighty and merciful God bless and protect us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.</p> |
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All: Amen.