

## COMMUNION

The minister shows the eucharistic bread to those present, saying:

A

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

B

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 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 sacrament, says:

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.

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

## SILENT PRAYER

Then a period of silence may be observed.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if this has not preceded.

A

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,  
R. Amen.

B

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

C

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.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen

## CONCLUDING RITE

### BLESSING

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:

A

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

B

May the almighty and merciful God  
bless and protect us,  
the Father, and the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit.  
R. Amen.

## COMMUNION OF THE SICK IN ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

### INTRODUCTORY RITES



### GREETING

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

A

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
R. And also with you.

B

Peace be with you (this house) and  
with all who live here.  
R. And also with you.

C

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.

D

The grace and peace of God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
R. And also with you.

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

## PENITENTIAL RITE

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

A

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

B

My brothers and sisters, let us turn with confidence to the Lord and ask his forgiveness for all our sins.

After a brief period of silence, the penitential rite continues, using one of the following:

A

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:  
Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:  
Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

B

All say:

I confess to almighty God,  
and to you here present, \*  
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 here present, \*

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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.

R. Amen.

\* or 'my brothers and sisters.'

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### READING

A

**JOHN 6:51**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus says:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

B

**JOHN 6:54-58**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus says:

'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live

for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C

**JOHN 14:6**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus says:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

D

**JOHN 15:5**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

Jesus says:

'I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

E

**1 JOHN 4:16**

A reading from the first letter of John

We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### RESPONSE

A brief period of silence may be observed after the reading of the word of God.

### GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

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 HOLY COMMUNION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

A

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

B

And now let us pray with confidence as Christ our Lord commanded:

All say:

Our Father . . .