



The minister genuflects and shows the Blessed Sacrament to those present, 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 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 Blessed Sacrament, says:

The Body of Christ.

The sick person answers:

Amen.

A period of silence may be observed.



CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The minister says a concluding prayer. That of the day or the following may be used:

Let us pray.
Nourished by your saving gifts,
we beseech your mercy, Lord,
that by this same Sacrament
with which you feed us in the present age,
you may make us partakers of life eternal.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The minister invokes God's Blessing and makes the sign of the cross over themselves saying:

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

Amen.



COMMUNION OF THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND



It is recommended that those who are with the sick should be asked to prepare a table covered with a white cloth upon which the Blessed Sacrament will be placed. Lighted candles are prepared (where appropriate).

Care should be taken to make the occasion special and joyful.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

The minister greets the sick person and the others present:

Peace to this house
and to all who come here.

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

My brothers and sisters let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves for this celebration.

After a brief period of silence, the penitential act continues.

**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,
and, striking their breast, they say:
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.**

or

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to
intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

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.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The word of God is proclaimed by one of those present or by the minister.
When Communion is taken to someone daily then the daily readings can be
used. When Communion is taken weekly or less frequently then the Sunday
readings can be used. At least the Gospel should be read. The readings can
be found in the weekday or Sunday missal or in the misalette if these are
used in your parish.*

First Reading

A reading from...

At the end of the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

The response is made after each verse.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS may be prayed here.



LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**