

THE ORDINARY RITE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

(Before beginning, ensure a quiet and reverent atmosphere by turning off the TV or radio. If possible, place a white cloth, a cross, and a lit candle to honour Christ's presence.)

GREETING

(Greet those present, then place the pyx containing the Eucharist on a nearby table covered with the cloth. Begin in prayer with the Sign of the Cross.)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Minister: Let us turn with confidence to the Lord and seek His mercy and forgiveness.

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jesus said: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51)

(Alternatively, a reading from the day's liturgy may be used.)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: Let us pray as Christ our Lord has taught us.

All: *Our Father...*

COMMUNION

(The minister opens the pyx and elevates a 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.

All: 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 gives Communion, saying:)

Minister: THE BODY OF CHRIST.

(The communicant responds:)

All: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

(A moment of silent prayer is observed.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister: Let us pray.
All-powerful God,
we thank You for the nourishment
You have given us in this holy gift.
Pour out Your Spirit upon us,
and in the strength of this heavenly food,
keep us steadfast in Your service.
Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

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