

ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK BY AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

54. A Priest or Deacon administers Holy Communion to the sick according to the rites in *The Order of the Anointing of the Sick and of their Pastoral Care*. When, however, the Most Holy Eucharist is brought to the sick by an acolyte or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion deputed in accordance with the norm of law, the rites that follow are to be observed.

55. It is permitted to administer the Eucharist under the species of wine alone to those who are unable to receive it under the species of bread.

The Blood of the Lord must be carried to the sick person in a vessel so closed as to avoid completely any danger of spillage. In administering the Sacrament, however, the more appropriate manner should be chosen, in each case, from those proposed for distributing Communion under both kinds. When Communion is completed, if any of the Most Precious Blood remains, it should be consumed by the minister, who should also take care of the necessary purifications.

I. THE ORDINARY RITE OF COMMUNION OF THE SICK

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

56. Wearing vestments appropriate for this ministry (cf. no. 20), after approaching the sick person, the minister warmly greets them and the others present, using, if appropriate, the greeting:

Peace to this house and all here.

Other words from Sacred Scripture, with which the faithful are customarily greeted, may also be used.

Then, after placing the Sacrament on a table, the minister and all present adore it.

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57. The minister invites the sick person and others present to take part in the Penitential Act:

Brethren (Brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to participate in this sacred celebration.

A brief pause for silence follows. Then all recite together the I confess:

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;

Then they continue:

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 almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All reply:

Amen.

Other optional formulas of the Penitential Act, nos. 190-191.

THE SHORTER READING OF THE WORD OF GOD

58. Then, a short text of Sacred Scripture, for example from those indicated below in no. 71, may be read as appropriate by one of those present or by the minister.

HOLY COMMUNION

59. Then the minister introduces the Lord's Prayer in these or similar words:

**Now let us together call upon God,
as our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to pray:**

And all together continue:

**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.**

60. Then the minister shows the Most Blessed Sacrament, 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 any others who will receive Communion 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.**

61. The minister approaches the sick person, and showing them the Sacrament, says:

The Body of Christ (or: The Blood of Christ).

The sick person replies:

Amen.

And receives Holy Communion.

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Those present who wish to receive Communion receive the Sacrament in the usual way.

62. When the distribution of Communion is complete, the minister carries out the purification as usual. Then, if appropriate, a sacred silence may be observed for a while.

Then the minister says the concluding prayer:

Let us pray.

O Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
with faith we entreat you
that the most holy Body (most holy Blood)
of our Lord Jesus Christ your Son
may benefit our brother (sister) who receives it
as an everlasting remedy
for both body and soul.
Through Christ our Lord.

All reply:

Amen.

Other optional prayers, nos. 210-222.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

63. Then the minister, while invoking God's blessing and signing himself (herself), says:

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

Or:

May the almighty and merciful Lord bless us and keep us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All reply:

Amen.