

Administration of Communion to the Sick

II. A SHORTER RITE OF COMMUNION OF THE SICK

64. This shorter rite is used when Holy Communion is to be given to a number of the sick in different rooms of the same building, for example, to those staying in the same hospital. As the case requires, some elements taken from the ordinary rite may be added (nos. 56-63).

65. The rite may begin either in the church or chapel or in the first room, while the minister says this antiphon:

**O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received:
the memory of his Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given to us.**

Other optional antiphons, nos. 201-203.

66. Then the minister, accompanied by a person carrying a candle if appropriate, approaches the sick persons and says once to all the sick who are present in the same room or to each of the communicants individually:

**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.**

And the communicants add once:

**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

And they receive Communion in the usual way.

67. The rite is concluded with a prayer (cf. no. 62) which may be said either in a church or a chapel or in the last room.