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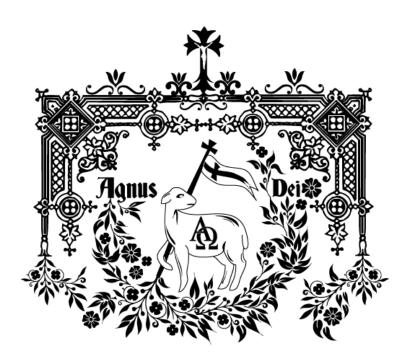
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Rite of Holy Communion

for the

Sick & Homebound



# **The Ordinary Rite of Communion of the Sick**

#### **Introductory Rite**

Greeting: Peace to this house and to all who live in it.

Penitential Rite:

The minister invites the sick person and those present to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words. You may choose either A or B, C in the Easter Season.

A. My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins. *Pause for silent reflection, then all join in:* 

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.

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

Amen.

B. My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins. *Pause for silent reflection*,

**Lord, we have sinned against you....***All respond* Lord, have mercy.

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# **Personal Notes**

Lord, show us your mercy and love....All respond And grant us your salvation.

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

Amen.

C. My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins. *Pause for silent reflection*,

You brought us to salvation by your paschal mystery: Lord, have mercy *All respond*Lord, have mercy.

You renew us by the wonders of your passion: Christ, have mercy. *All respond* Christ, have mercy.

You give us your body to make us one with your Easter sacrifice: Lord, have mercy. *All respond* Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

# The Short Form of the Reading of the Word

A brief passage from sacred scripture may then be read by one of those present or the minister. You will choose one. You may also read the Gospel of the day.

**A.** John 15:4

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

#### **B.** John 6:54-58

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them on the last day, For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood remain in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

#### **C.** John 14:6

"Jesus said to him: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

#### **D.** John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our dwelling with them.'"

#### E. 1 John 14:6

"We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever, remains in love remains in God and God in him."

#### F. 1 Corinthians 11:26

"Every time, then, you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he come."

If you arrive at a person's house and find that they are unable to receive Holy Communion, it is appropriate to ask them if s/he would like for you to offer the prayer of spiritual communion on their behalf.

## **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

We love you above all things and insert person's name desires to receive you into her/his soul.

Since s/he cannot receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into his/her heart, and unite him/her wholly to you and never permit her/him to be separated from you.

We ask for this gift in your Precious Name.

Amen.

## **Concluding Rite**

#### Blessing

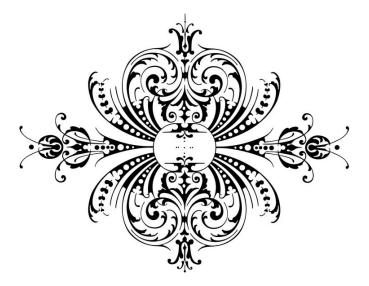
The minister invokes God's blessing, and crossing him/herself says:

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

OR

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

The people present and all respond Amen



## **Holy Communion**

**Lord's Prayer** The minister introduces the Lord's Prayer in these words

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say: Our Father...

**Invitation of Communion** Then the minister holds the Holy Eucharist to those who will receive and says:

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 communicants respond:

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

#### Communion

The minister goes to the sick person first and shows her/him the Host saying:

# The Body of Christ

The person responds Amen

Any other persons present may now receive Holy Communion if desired. A period of silence should be observed following the reception of Communion for personal prayer. The minister will then pray one of the following prayers

# **Concluding Prayer**

Let us pray....

A. God, our Father, almighty and eternal, we confidently call upon you, that the body of Christ which our brother/sister has received may bring him/her lasting health in mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

The people present and all respond Amen

B. Lord, you have nourished us with one bread from heaven. Fill us with your Spirit, and make us one in peace and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### The people present and all respond Amen

C. Lord, may our sharing at this holy table make us holy. By the body and blood of Christ join all your people in brotherly love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### The people present and all respond Amen

D. Father, you give us food from heaven. By our sharing in this mystery teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and to love the things of heaven. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

### The people present and all respond Amen

E. Lord, we give thanks for these holy mysteries which bring to us here on earth a share in the life to come, through Christ our Lord.

#### The people present and all respond Amen

F. All powerful God, you renew us with your sacraments. Help us to thank you by lives of faithful service. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

# The people present and all respond Amen

G. God our Father, you give us a share in the one bread and the one cup and make us one in Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### The people present and all respond Amen

H. Lord, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

# The people present and all respond Amen

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J. Lord, we are renewed by the breaking of one bread. Keep us in your love and help us to live the new life Christ won for us. Grant this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

## The people present and all respond Amen

## During the Easter season the following prayers are preferred:

A. Father, you have brought to fulfillment the work of our redemption through the Easter mystery of Christ you Son. May we who faithfully proclaim his death and resurrection in these sacramental signs experience the constant growth of your salvation in our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### The people present and all respond Amen

B. Lord, you have nourished us with your Easter sacraments. Fill us with your Spirit and make us one in peace and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### The people present and all respond Amen

C. Lord, may this sharing in the sacrament of your Son free us from our old life of sin and make us your new creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

### The people present and all respond Amen

D. Almighty and ever living Lord, you restored us to life by raising Christ from death. Strengthen us by this Easter sacrament; may we feel its saving power in our daily life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

#### The people present and all respond Amen