

**ADMINISTRATION OF
HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK
BY AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INTRODUCTORY RITES

A priest or deacon administers communion or viaticum to the sick in the manner prescribed by the Rite of Anointing and Pastoral Care of the Sick. When an acolyte or an extraordinary minister, duly appointed, gives communion to the sick, the rite here described is followed.

+ In the name of the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit.

R/ Amen.

GREETING

The minister approaches the sick person and greets him and the others present in a friendly manner, using one of the following greetings:

Peace be with you (this house) and with
all who live here.

R/ And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The minister invites the sick person and those present to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

My brothers and sisters, to prepare
ourselves for this celebration, let us call
to mind our sins.

A pause for silent reflection follows.

Then all say:

**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.**

The minister concludes:

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

R/ Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A brief passage from sacred scripture may then
be read by one of those present or by the
minister himself.

John 14:23

Jesus answered:

“Anyone who loves me will be true to
my word, and my Father will love him;
we will come to him and make our
dwelling place with him.”

Another text may be read, especially making use
of the readings of the day.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

The minister then introduces the Lord's Prayer in these words:

At the Savior's command,
And formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

All say:

Our Father . . .

Then the minister shows the host, 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 communicants 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.**

The minister goes to the communicant and, showing him the sacrament, says:

The Body of Christ.

The communicant answers:

R/ Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The minister then says the concluding prayer:

Let us pray.

Nourished by this sacred gift,
O Lord,
we give you thanks
and beseech your mercy,
that, by the pouring forth
of your Spirit,
the grace of integrity may endure
in those your heavenly power
has entered.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Then the minister invokes God's blessing and, crossing himself, says:

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

R/ Amen.