

Leader's Guide

COMMUNION OF THE SICK

by an Extraordinary Minister

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The minister places the Blessed Sacrament on the table, and all adore it.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The minister invites those present to recall their sins and repent.

My brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to participate in this sacred celebration.

A pause for silent reflection follows.

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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.

Or:

You gained salvation for us by your Paschal Mystery: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You never cease to renew among us the wonders of your Passion: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You make us sharers in your Paschal Sacrifice through the reception of Your Body: Lord, have mercy.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All say: Our Father....

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

R. 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 shows the host to the sick person, saying:

The Body of Christ. R. Amen.

After Communion (and purification of the pyx, if appropriate) a period of silence may be observed. The minister then 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 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.

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CONCLUDING RITE

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