

LAYPERSON'S MANUAL  
COMMUNION TO THE SICK

**A** MEN  
I SAY  
TO YOU  
all things whatever  
you ask for in prayer,  
believe that you shall  
receive, and they shall  
come to you

# The Ordinary Rite of Communion of the Sick

## **John 14:23**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Whoever loves me will keep my word,  
and my Father will love him,  
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

## **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.

## **1 John 4:16**

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.

## **1 Corinthians 11:26**

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

## **Greeting**

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

All: **And with your spirit.**

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

## **Penitential Rite**

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

*Pause for silent reflection.*

*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,**

*All strike their breast:*

**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.**

*Minister concludes:*

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

*All answer:*

**Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

[Use the readings from the day including the psalm or one of the following:  
John 6:56-58; John 14:6; John 15:4; ; 1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 John 4:16]

*Silence and prayerful reflection on the Word.*

## Prayer of the Faithful

Minister: **Let us pray for our needs and the needs of our Church.**

{Petitions may be given by the sick person, and/or others in the room}

Minister: **O God, you know that our life in this present age  
is subject to suffering and need,  
hear the desires of those who cry to you  
and receive the prayers of those who believe in you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

All: **Amen.**

## Holy Communion

Minister: **Now let us pray as Christ, the Lord, taught us:**

All: **Our Father....**

*Then the minister shows the Eucharistic bread saying:*

Minister: **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.**

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

## Possible Scripture Passages

### John 6:56-58

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
has eternal life,

And I will raise him on the last day.

For my flesh is true food,

and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood

remains in me and I in him.

### 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."



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*The minister goes to each of the sick and showing the sacrament, says:*

The body of Christ.

*The sick person answers:*

Amen

*Other Catholics present may receive communion in the usual way if they wish.*

**Silence**



## Communion to Sick in the Hospital

Minister: Peace be with you.

Rs: And with your spirit.

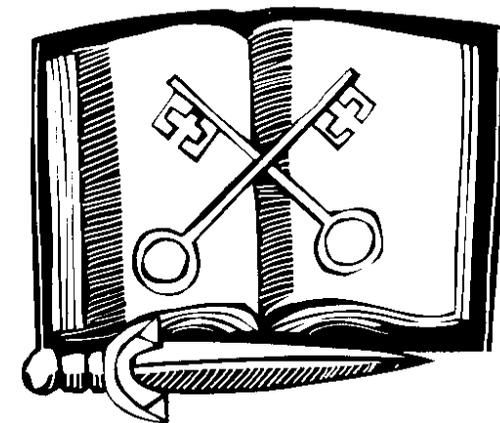
*The Minister places the Blessed Sacrament on a table.*

**MOMENT OF ADORATION**

### Liturgy of the Word

{Use one of the readings given on page 7-8}

*Silence and prayerful reflection on the Word*



*The minister goes to each of the sick and showing the sacrament, says:*

The body of Christ.

*The sick person answers:*

Amen

*and receives communion. Others present who wish to receive communion then do so in the usual way.*

*After communion the minister washes the vessel as usual. All spend a period of silence in prayerful thanksgiving.*

*Then the minister says the concluding prayer:*

God our Father,  
you have called us to share the one bread and one cup  
and so become one in Christ.

Help us to live in him  
that we may bear fruit,  
rejoicing that he has redeemed the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All answer:*

Amen

## Concluding Rite

*Then the minister invokes God's blessing, makes the sign of cross on him/herself saying:*

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

*All answer:*

Amen

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*All answer:*

Amen

*Minister leaves*

