

Pastoral Care of the Sick Communion in Ordinary Circumstances¹

Introductory rites:	
Greeting	
Minister:	The peace of the Lord be with you. Blessed be God for ever.
All:	Blessed be God for ever.
Penitential Act	
Minister:	To prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins.
Minister:	By your Paschal Mystery you have won for us salvation: Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.
All:	You renew among us now the wonders of your passion: Christ have mercy.
Minister:	Christ have mercy.
All:	When we receive your Body, you share with us your Paschal sacrifice:
Minister:	Lord have mercy.
All:	Lord have mercy.
Minister:	May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
All:	Amen.
Liturgy of the Word (Optional: use the readings of the day, or cf. pp. 14-16, 30-33 Communion of the Sick)	
Response	
A brief reflection of the reading may be given as it applies to the sick and to the care givers.	
Universal Prayer	
After a brief introduction, the minister invites all present to offer their prayers.	
Liturgy of Holy Communion	
Minister:	Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:
All:	Our Father who art in heaven....
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.
Minister:	The Body of Christ
The Sick Person:	Amen
Prayer after Communion (After silent pause)	
Minister:	All-powerful and ever-living God, may the Body and Blood of Christ your Son, be for our brother/sister N. a lasting remedy for body and soul. Through Christ our Lord.
All:	Amen
Concluding Rite	
Minister: (making the sign of the cross on yourself)	May the Lord bless us protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
All:	Amen

¹Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum, in *The Rites of the Catholic Church as Revised by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council*, vol. 1 (New York: Pueblo Publishing Co., 1990)