

**Pastoral Care of the Sick  
Communion in Ordinary Circumstances<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Introductory Rites Greeting</b>	
Minister:	The peace of the Lord be with you. Blessed be God for ever.
All:	Blessed be God for ever.
<b>Penitential Act</b>	
Minister:	To prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins. <i>After a brief moment of silence, continue with the Penitential Act:</i>
Minister:	By your Paschal Mystery you have won for us salvation: Lord have mercy.
All:	Lord have mercy.
Minister:	You renew among us now the wonders of your passion: Christ have mercy.
All:	Christ have mercy.
Minister:	When we receive your Body, you share with us your Paschal sacrifice: 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.
<b>Liturgy of the Word</b> <i>optional: readings of the day or John 6:51</i>	
Reader:	“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” John 6:51
<b>Response</b>	
<i>A brief reflection of the reading may be given as it applies to the sick and to the care givers.</i>	
<b>Universal Prayer</b>	
<i>After a brief introduction, the minister invites all present to offer their prayers.</i>	
<b>Liturgy of Holy Communion</b>	
Minister:	Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:
All:	Our Father who art in heaven....
Minister:	<i>(The minister shows the Eucharist to those present, saying: )</i> 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:	<i>(The minister goes to the sick person and showing the Blessed Sacrament says: )</i> The Body of Christ
Response:	Amen
<i>(Others present who wish to receive Communion then do so in the usual way.)</i>	
<b>Prayer after Communion (After silent prayer)</b>	
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
<b>Concluding Rite</b>	
Minister:	<i>(making the sign of the cross on yourself)</i> May the Lord bless us protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.
All:	Amen

<sup>1</sup>Pastoral 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)