COMMUNION OF THE SICK

This rite is used when the consecrated elements are brought from an earlier celebration of Holy Communion.

The Minister says

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. PHILIPPIANS 1:2

The Minister continues

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

A psalm may be prayed. Psalms 23, 62, 103, and 145 are particularly appropriate.

One of the following Gospel lessons is read, or the readings appropriate to the day.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16 Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him."

Reflection on the Lessons may follow. Additional prayers may be offered.

The Minister may say the Confession, and the sick person joins in as able.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

A Priest, if present, says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Deacon or lay person prays

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MinisterThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.MinisterLet us pray.

Minister and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Then may be said

- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
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- O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; grant us thy peace.

The minister may say

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is then distributed with the following words

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul to everlasting life.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul to everlasting life.

After Communion, the Minister says

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen. A Priest gives this blessing

The peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen. 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

MinisterLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

FOR A SICK PERSON

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant N. for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; and give him patience under his affliction. In thy good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally he may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of those who suffer; Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to thy servant *N*. the help of thy power, that *his* sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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O God of heavenly powers, by the might of thy command thou dost drive away from our bodies all sickness and infirmity: Be