

COMMUNION IN A HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Antiphon

This rite may begin in the church, the hospital chapel, or the first room, where the minister says the following antiphon:

I am the living bread
come down from heaven.
If you eat this bread
you will live for ever.
The bread I will give is my flesh
for the life of the world.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Greeting

On entering each room, the minister may use the following greeting:

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

When circumstances permit, the minister is encouraged to lead the sick in the Lord's Prayer. The minister introduces the Lord's Prayer in these words:

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

All Say: Our Father. . .

Communion

The minister shows the eucharistic bread to those present, saying:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who hunger and thirst,
for they shall be satisfied.

The sick person and all who are to receive communion say:

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The minister goes to the sick person and, showing the blessed sacrament says:

The body of Christ.

The sick person answers: Amen, and receives communion.

CONCLUDING RITE

Concluding Prayer

The concluding prayer may be said either in the last room visited, in the church, or chapel.

Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer.

All-powerful and ever-living God, may the body and blood of Christ your Son be for our brothers and sisters a lasting remedy for body and soul.