

# Order for a Communion Service by a Lay Person

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## A. GREETING [See Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, p 513 for options]

**Minister:** Brothers and sisters  
the Lord invites us to his table  
to share in the body of Christ:  
bless him for his goodness.

**People:** Blessed be God for ever.

## B. PENITENTIAL RITE [See Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, p 1474 for options]

**Minister:** My brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
And so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*A brief pause and then together*

**I** confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
*striking the breast*  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
*continue*  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for the me to the Lord our God.

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

**People:** Amen.

*Please note: The collect from the Missal is not used.*

## C. LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The readings for the Mass of the Day may be taken from the Lectionary.**

- First Reading (*may be read by a member of the assembly*)
- Psalm
- Gospel Acclamation (*This acclamation should be sung if at all possible*)
- Gospel Reading (*may be read by the minister but may not be proclaimed*)

**Minister:** Let us reflect in silence on the words of scripture that we have just heard.

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**General Intercessions** [See Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, p 1470 for options]

**Minister:** *(The Minister introduces the intercessions by addressing the people)*

**Reader:** *(The intentions are directed to the people.)*

*For example: "For peace in our troubled world, ... (pause).... we pray to the Lord"  
(A brief pause to pray silently is appropriate.)*

**People:** "Lord Hear Our Prayer"

**Minister:** *(The Minister closes the intercessions with a prayer addressed to God)*

**People:** Amen.

## D. HOLY COMMUNION

After the prayer, the Minister goes to the place where the sacrament is reserved, takes the ciborium or pyx containing the body of the Lord, places it on the altar and genuflects.

*The Minister with hands joined, says:*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father ...

**Minister:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All make an appropriate sign of peace*

*The Minister genuflects, takes the host, holding it slightly raised over the vessel, while facing the people says aloud:*

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.

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

*If the Minister receives communion, he says quietly:  
May the body of Christ bring me to everlasting life.*

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*The Minister then takes the pyx or ciborium and goes to the communicants. He takes a host for each, raises it slightly and says:*

The Body of Christ.

**People:** Amen

*After communion the Minister puts and particle left into the pyx or ciborium, and he may wash his hands. He returns any remaining hosts to the tabernacle and genuflects.*

*A period of silence may now be observed or a psalm or song of praise may be sung by all.*

**CONCLUDING PRAYER** [See Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, p 685 for options]

**Minister:** Let us Pray:

Lord Jesus Christ,  
You gave us the Eucharist  
as the memorial of Your suffering and death.  
May our worship of this Sacrament  
of Your Body and Blood  
help us to experience the salvation You won for us  
and the peace of the kingdom  
where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

**Minister:** *Crossing himself says:*

May the Lord bless us,  
Protect us from all evil  
And bring us to everlasting life

**People:** Amen

**DISMISSAL** [See Roman Missal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, p 673 for options]

**Minister:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**People:** Thanks be to God.