

Order for a Communion Service by a Deacon

A. GREETING [See Roman Missal, 3rd Edition, p 513 for options]

Deacon: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: And with your spirit

B. PENITENTIAL RITE [See Roman Missal, 3rd Edition, p 1474 for options]

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

A brief pause and the 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.

Deacon: 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 (*proclaimed by the deacon*)

Homily (*given by the deacon*)

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General Intercessions [See Roman Missal, 3rd Edition, p 1470 for options]

Deacon: *(The Deacon 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"

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

People: Amen.

D. HOLY COMMUNION

After the prayer, the Deacon 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 Deacon with hands joined, says:

At the Savior's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

The Deacon extends hands, together with the people, continues:

Our Father ...

The Deacon, turning toward the people, extending and then joining his hands, says:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All make an appropriate sign of peace

The Deacon 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.

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

The Deacon 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 Deacon 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, 3rd Edition, p 685 for options]

Deacon: 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

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Deacon: May almighty God bless you,
The Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL [See Roman Missal, 3rd Edition, p 673 for options]

Deacon: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.