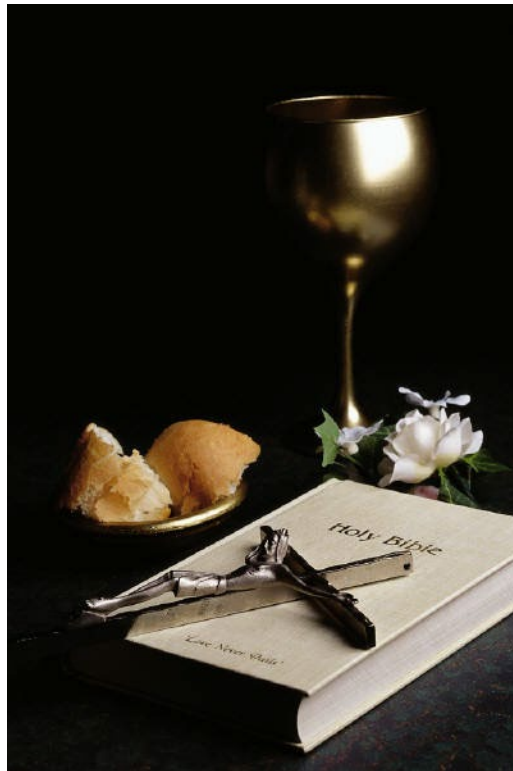


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**Minister:** *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Response:** *Amen*

**Minister:** *Use one of these greetings*

- A) *Peace to this house and all who live in it.*
- B) *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
- C) *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **The Penitential Rite:**

*Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves for this sacred celebration.*

*Pause for a brief moment of silence.*

**Minister:**

*Lord Jesus, you have healed the sick. Lord, have mercy*

**Response:** *Lord, have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus you forgave sinners. Christ, have mercy.*

**Response:** *Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord Jesus, you gave us yourself to heal us and bring us strength: Lord, have mercy.*

**Response:** *Lord, have mercy.*

*--OR--*

**All say:**

*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; (strike your breast as we say) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault, therefore I ask Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

*Lord, have mercy*

**Response:** *Lord, have mercy*

*Christ, have mercy*

*Response: Christ, have mercy*

*Lord, have mercy*

*Response: Lord, have mercy*

### **Liturgy of the Word**

- 1. Read the gospel passage for the week: A reading from the holy gospel according to:**

#### **The Gospel of the Lord**

**or**

- 2. A reading from the holy gospel according to John:**

*Jesus says:*

*“He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. The man who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the Father who has life sent me and I have life because of the Father, so the man who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and died nonetheless, the man who feeds on this bread shall live forever.”*

*A brief period of silence after reading the Word of God.*

**Minister:** *Give a brief explanation of the reading, applying it to the needs of the sick person and those looking after him or her.*

#### **Liturgy of Holy Communion:**

**Minister:**

**A)** *Now let us pray as Christ our Lord has taught us:*

*Or*

**B)** *And now let us pray with confidence as Christ our Lord commanded.*

**All:** *Our Father...*

**Minister shows the Eucharist to those who are present, saying:**

*Behold the Lamb of God, Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world, blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

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

### **Concluding Prayer after Communion**

#### **A) Minister:**

*God our Father, you have called us to share the one bread and one cup and so become one in Christ. Help us to live in him that we may bear fruit, rejoicing that he has redeemed the world.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen**

#### **B) Minister:**

*All-powerful God, we thank you for the nourishment you give us through your holy gift. Pour out your Spirit upon us and in strength of this food from heaven keep us single-minded in your service.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen**

#### **C) Minister:**

*All powerful and ever-living God, may the body and blood of Christ your Son be for brother/sister (or the name of the person) a lasting remedy for body and soul.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**All: Amen**

### **Concluding Rite:**

#### **A) Minister:**

*May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.*

**All: Amen**

#### **B) Minister:**

*May the almighty and merciful God bless and protect us, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

**All: Amen**