

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE HOME

Note: Permission must be granted by the pastor or a deacon each time you take Holy Communion to your home unless you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

A short form may be used when giving Holy Communion to people who are very sick or if the household has just participated in the video streaming of a Mass. The shorter form would include the sections at the end entitled, HOLY COMMUNION and CONCLUDING RITE.

After receiving the Pxy with the Eucharist, transport the Eucharist immediately to the person(s) who will receive the Host(s). Do not run other errands, go to breakfast, or listen to the radio in transit, etc., maintain a reverent atmosphere in the car.

It is absolutely forbidden by the Church to reserve the Blessed Sacrament personally for prayer and adoration – for any period of time, long or brief – without the express permission of the Bishop.

At home, place the Pxy on a suitable table and cover the table with a (white) cloth, with a lit candle(s) and a crucifix (optional) while performing this rite.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

GREETING

The presider begins using one of the following greetings:

Presider: Peace to this house and to all who live in it.

Or

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God for ever.

All: Blessed be God for Ever.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The presider invites those present to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

PRESIDER: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

A pause for silent reflection follows.

ALL: 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, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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

ALL: Amen.

THE SHORT FORM OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A brief passage from sacred scripture may then be read by one of those present or by the presider them self. This can be a reading of the day or John 6:51, 6:54-58, 14:6, 15:5, 4:15 or 14:23 (below).

John 14:23 Jesus answered: "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word, and my Father will love him; we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him."

Another text may be read, especially making use of the readings of the day. You may share something about the reading if time permits and you think it is appropriate.

HOLY COMMUNION

(The short form of distributing Holy Communion begins here.)

The Lord's Prayer

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

ALL: Our Father...

Lamb of God

PRESIDER: 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.

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

Distribution of Communion

PRESIDER: The Body of Christ

All: Amen.

Silent Prayer and Concluding Prayer

A period of silence, normally about 30 seconds follows the distribution of Communion. You can then say a spontaneous prayer and/or use the following

PRESIDER: Let us Pray. Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, may the healing work of your mercy graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may glorify you. Through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Then the presider invokes God's blessing and, crossing themselves, says:

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

ALL: Amen.

PURIFICATION OF THE PYX

1/ Visible particles should be removed and consumed.

2/ Always purify it by adding a small amount of water and consuming it (do this twice) or pouring it into the ground outside in an area not walked on.

3/ Wipe the Pyx dry with a clean cloth and launder cloth after use.

4/ The purified Pyx is to be kept in a worthy place.