

COMMUNION RITE

To prepare for the paschal celebration, the last meal of Jesus before His suffering and death, we examine ourselves to be sure we are united with Him before receiving Him as the holy Eucharist. We are to be one with Him and all of our brothers and sisters wherever they live.

LORD'S PRAYER

- Priest:** **A** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:
B Lord Jesus you taught us to pray to God our Father,
and so we have the courage to say:
C Let us ask our Father to bring us to forgive those who have sinned
against us so that our sins may also be forgiven.
D Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us.

Priest and PEOPLE:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and let us not be lead into temptation by the evil one. *Amen.*

OR:

**Pater noster, qui es in cælis: sanctificétur nomen Tuum;
advéniat regnum Tuum; fiat volúntas Tua, sicut in cælo,
et in terra. Panem nostrum cotidiánum da nobis hódie;
et dimitte nobis débita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus
debitóribus nostris; et ne nos indúcas in tentatiónem;
sed libera nos a malo. *Amen.***

Priest: Lord Jesus, turn away Satan's evil. and bring us to eternal peace
with you. In your mercy help us always to acknowledge / and
confess our sins / and protect us from unnecessary anxiety /
as we wait in joyful hope for your final coming.

PEOPLE: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

The Church is a community of true Christians joined by the Spirit in love. Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Jn. 14:27.

The priest says the prayer for peace:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give it to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." Jn. 14:27,28b

Priest joins his hands: Lord, grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom
where You “reign forever and ever.” Apoc. 11:15 **PEOPLE:** Amen.

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

PEOPLE: And also with you.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christians gather for the "breaking of the bread," again discerning Jesus at Mass.
In communion, though many, we are made one body in the one Bread, which is Christ.

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The priest breaks the host over the paten and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

† **May this union of the living body and blood of
Jesus be a sign that He is entire in either form.**

Meanwhile the people sing or say:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the faithful have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the faithful *grant us peace.* 🕯️ 🕯️ 🕯️

OR: *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta fidelis, miserére nobis.*

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*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta fidelis, **dona nobis pacem.*** 🕯️ 🕯️ 🕯️

**The hymn may be repeated until the breaking of the bread is finished,
but the last phrase is al ways: "Grant us peace," or “dona nobis pacem.”**

PRAYERS BEFORE COMMUNION

We pray in silence and then voice words of humility and hope as our
final preparation before meeting Christ in the Eucharist.

Before communion, the priest says quietly one of the following prayers:

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Ghost Your death gave access to eternal life.**

**By Your holy body and blood separate me from every evil. Keep me
faithful to Your teaching, and never let me be parted from You.**

OR:

**Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in Your love and mercy I eat Your Body
and drink Your Blood. Let it bring me the health in mind and body
that drives devils from my path.**

Holding the bread elevated slightly over the paten and facing the people,
the priest says:

**This is the Lamb of God Who takes away the effect
of Adam's sin and the sin of repentant sinners.
Happy are those who are called to His supper.**

OR:

**This is the Lamb of God,
The Savior of those faithful to His teachings.
Happy are those who are called to His supper.**

OR:

**This is the Lamb of God
who allows entry into God's kingdom.
Happy are those who are called to His supper.**

Priest and PEOPLE: (once only):

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive You,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Before receiving communion, the priest says quietly:

Body: Lord, may Your holy teachings lead us to everlasting life.

OR: Lord Jesus strengthen me in faith.

OR: Lord Jesus lead me to everlasting life.

Blood: Lord, accept our offerings made for the good of the Church.

OR: Lord Jesus help us to love as You have loved.

OR: Lord Jesus, shedding Your Blood proves how much You love us.

After priest's Holy Communion the priest says to the people:

It is time to present offerings (*sacrifices*) to Almighty God through Jesus.

OR: It is time to present offerings (*sacrifices*) with Jesus to the Father.

OR: It is time to unite our offerings (*sacrifices*) through Jesus to
God the Father in Heaven.

Priest then gives communion to the people.

Priest: The Son of God. / The Son of man. / The Lamb of God. /
Filius Dei. / The Incarnate Word. / Our Lord and King. /
Mankind's final Judge. / The Son of the Blessed Virgin. /

Recipient:

Amen.

There should be a period of silence during and after Communion to encourage spiritual reflection.

COMMUNION SONG

After the tabernacle has been closed and the communion vessels have been cleaned the priest returns to his seat. An interval of not less than one minute should follow then a Communion Psalm or other appropriate Song or Hymn may be said or sung.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

STAND

The priest prays in our name that we may live the life of faith since we have been strengthened by Christ Himself. Our Amen makes His prayer our own.

Priest: Let us pray. **OR:** Orémus

Priest and people may pray silently for a while.

Then the priest says the prayer after communion; As in Today's Mass

At the end the people respond: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE:

We have heard God's Word and been privileged with the living Body of Christ. Now it is time for us to leave, to do good works, and to praise and bless the Lord in our daily lives. (or similar Prayer)

Sit during any brief announcements. The blessing and dismissal follow:

BLESSING (STAND)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE:

And also with you.

OR: Dóminus vobiscum.

Et cum tuo.

Priest: *Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, + et Filius, et Spiritus Sanctus.*

OR: May almighty God bless you, the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon (or priest):

PEOPLE:

Go, you are dismissed.

Thanks be to God.

Ite, Missa est.

Deo grátias.

OR:

A. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks and praise to God.

B. The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The Lord has shown us the way.