

COMMUNION RITE

To prepare for the paschal meal, to welcome the Lord, we pray for forgiveness and exchange a sign of peace. Before eating Christ's body and drinking his blood, we must be one with him and with all our brothers and sisters in the Church.

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 call Your 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 led 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 débíta 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 Christians joined by the spirit in love. It needs to express, deepen, and restore its peaceful unity before eating the one Body of the Lord and drinking from the one cup of salvation. We do this by a sign of peace.

The priest says the prayer for peace:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church,
and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom

Priest joins his hands:

where you live for ever and ever.

PEOPLE: Amen.

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

PEOPLE: And also with you.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christians are gathered for the "breaking of the bread," another name for the 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:

Lord Jesus Christ may this mingling of Your body and blood
Bring eternal life to us who receive You worthily.


Meanwhile the people sing or say:

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

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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
who takes away the sin of the faithful.
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:

Lord Jesus may you strengthen me in faith.

OR:

Lord Jesus may you lead me to everlasting life.

OR:

Lord Jesus may your word lead me to everlasting life.

Lord Jesus may your blood strengthen me in faith.

OR:

Lord Jesus may your blood lead me to everlasting life.

OR:

Lord, accept our offerings for the sake of your kingdom.

Priest then gives communion to the people.

Priest:

The body of Christ:

OR: *Corpus Christi*

OR: The body and blood of Jesus. OR: *Corpus Christi*

Communicant:

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. Go, you are dismissed.	PEOPLE: And also with you. Thanks be to God.
OR:	Dóminus vobiscum. Ite, Missa est.	Et cum tuo. Deo grátias.

Priest: *Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, + et Fílius, et Spíritus Sanctus.*

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

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon (or priest):	PEOPLE:
A. Go in the peace of Christ.	Thanks and praise to God.
B. The Mass is ended, go in peace.	The Lord has shown us the way.
C. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord	Praise to the Lord.