

PASTOR

**HOLY COMMUNION
IN ORDINARY
CIRCUMSTANCES
TO THE HOMEBOUND
BY AN
EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTER OF
HOLY COMMUNION
(EMHC)**

(In this document minister has been replaced with EMHC. Where more than one option was available only one option was reproduced here. Where possible the text has been updated to reflect the changes in the Roman Missal, Third Typical Edition.)

INTRODUCTORY RITES¹

Making the sign of the cross, the EMHC says:

EMHC: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen.

GREETING RITE

[Page: 63, Option A]

81. The EMHC greets the sick person and the others present...

EMHC: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
ALL: And with your Spirit.

The EMHC then places [the opened pyx containing] the Blessed Sacrament on the table and all join in adoration.

PENITENTIAL RITE

[Page: 64, Option A]

82. The EMHC invites the sick person and all present to join in the penitential rite...

EMHC: My brothers and sister, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins.

After a brief period of silence, the penitential rite continues... [Page 64; Option A]

EMHC: Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord have Mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

¹ Pastoral Care of the Sick, Catholic Book Publishing, 1983, Communion in Ordinary Circumstances, page 63.

EMHC: Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ have mercy.
ALL: Christ, have mercy.

EMHC: Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord have mercy.
ALL: Lord, have mercy.

The EMHC concludes the penitential rite with the following: [Page 64; Option A]

EMHC: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and
brings us to everlasting life.
ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING [Page 66; Option A]

84. The Word of God is proclaimed by one of those present or by the EMHC.

+ A reading from the holy gospel according to John [Chapter 6, verse 51]

Jesus says: "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven.
If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever;
the bread I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ. [Roman Missal, page 47]

RESPONSE [Page 68]

85. A brief period of silence may be observed after the reading of the word of God...

86. The General Intercessions may be said. With a brief introduction the EMHC invites all those present to pray. After the intentions the EMHC says the concluding prayer. It is desirable that the intentions be announced by someone other than the EMHC.

EMHC: Through these General Intercessions, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ not only for ourselves and our own needs, but for everyone. To each intercession, please respond: Lord, hear our prayer.

- READER:**
1. For the Pope, our Bishop, our pastor, and all the clergy and religious, we pray to the Lord...
 2. That the Holy Spirit will strengthen and protect all of our family members, relatives and friends, we pray to the Lord...
 3. May God heal those in need of physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual healing, we pray to the Lord...
 4. For an end to abortion, contraception, pedophilia, euthanasia, and all of the ways in which life is not respected, and for the building up of the culture of life and love, we pray to the Lord...
 5. For all of our deceased friends and relatives, and for all of the poor souls in purgatory, we pray to the Lord...
 6. For religious freedom in our country and throughout the world we pray: Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

EMHC: Heavenly Father, we come before you with faith and love, to praise Your goodness and to acknowledge our need. We ask you to hear

the prayers we make in the name of Jesus the Lord.

LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[Page 68; Option A]

87. The EMHC introduces the Lord's Prayer...

EMHC: Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

ALL: Our Father...

COMMUNION

[Page 69; Option A, Adapted from the Roman Missal]

88. The EMHC shows the Eucharistic bread to those present, saying:

EMHC: 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.

The EMHC goes to the sick/homebound person and, showing the Blessed Sacrament says:

EMHC: The Body of Christ.

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ALL: Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

89. Then a period of silence may be observed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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90. The EMHC says the concluding prayer...

EMHC: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer, if it has not preceded.

[Page 70; Option A]

**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.

CONCLUDING RITE

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BLESSING

91. The EMHC who is not a priest or deacon invokes God's blessing and makes the Sign of the Cross on himself or herself while saying...

(Page 73, Option A)

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

ALL: Amen.