

# Celebration of a Liturgy of the Word with Communion in Care Facilities



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## Blessing

At the appropriate time during the blessing, the Leader of Prayer signs them self with the sign of the Cross.

The Leader of Prayer says:

**May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.  
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.  
May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts,  
† now and forever.**

All respond: **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Following the blessing the Leader of Prayer dismisses the people saying:

**Go in peace.**

All respond: **Thanks be to God.**

## Introductory Rites

### Gathering Song

A Hymn that is appropriate is chosen.

### Sign of the Cross

After the gathering song all make the Sign of the Cross, as the leader of prayer says:

**In the name of the † Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.**

All Respond: **Amen.**

### Greeting

The leader of prayer then greets those gathered with these words:

**Blessed be the Lord Jesus Christ,  
who loves us and gave himself for us.  
now he lives in us  
and we live in him by faith.  
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

All respond: **Amen.**

### Opening Rite

The opening rite assists in preparing the faithful to listen to the Word of God.

#### Litany of Praise

After the greeting, the leader of prayer invites the people to praise Christ.

**Before listening to the word of God,  
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.**

After a short period of silence one of the following invocations is offered.

**A) Lord Jesus, you are the mighty God and prince of Peace:  
Lord, have mercy.**

All respond: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.**

All respond: **Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and radiance of  
God's glory:  
Lord, have mercy.**

All respond: **Lord, have mercy.**

Or you can use this option:

**B) God is making all things new.  
Acclaim Christ, the first fruits of the new creation.**

After a short period of silence one of the following  
Invocations is offered.

**Lord have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Kyrie, eleison.  
Christe, eleison.  
Kyrie, eleison.**

Collect (Opening Prayer)

The Leader of Prayer says:

**Let us pray.**

The missalette can be used for the opening prayer.

All respond: **Amen.**

The Leader of Prayer and the people say together:

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

A communion hymn begins as the Leader of Prayer receives Communion. The Leader of Prayer offers communion to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) that will assist with the distribution of communion.

The Leader of Prayer, or the EMHC offer communion to the communicants saying:

**The Body of Christ.**

Communicant responds: **Amen.**

Following the distribution of communion, if there are a small amount of Hosts left they can be consumed by the Leader of Prayer and/or the EMHC.

Following the distribution of communion the vessel(s) can be purified by the Leader of Prayer and/or the EMHC, with a small amount of water.

Prayer After Communion

The Leader of Prayer says:

**Let us pray.**

The Leader of Prayer prays the prayer as found in the missalette from the Mass of the Day.

**Through Christ Our Lord.**

At the end of the prayer the people respond: **Amen.**

Announcements

Brief announcements maybe made at this time.

## Rite of Distribution of Communion

### Sign of Peace

The Leader of Prayer invites the faithful to offer the sign of peace to one another, using these words:

**Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**

The Leader of Prayer offers the sign of peace to those nearby.

### The Lord's Prayer

The Leader of Prayer introduces the Lord's Prayer with the following words:

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

The Leader of Prayer and the faithful pray together:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven . . .**

### Invitation to Communion

After the Lord's Prayer the Leader of Prayer genuflects, and taking a host from the pyx raises it slightly. The Lamb of God is not recited. The Host is never broken. The Leader of Prayer says:

**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.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

The proper reading of the day is normally used. There may be times when another reading is appropriate.

**A reading from . . .**

The reading concludes with:

**The Word of the Lord.**

All respond: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence follows.

### Responsorial Psalm

The psalm is then prayed. It normally comes from the readings of the day. A seasonal psalm could also be used. It can be led by the proclaimer, or a cantor.

### Second Reading

If the liturgy calls for a second reading the reading is normally taken from the reading of the day. There may be times when another reading is appropriate.

**A reading from . . .**

The reading concludes with:

**The Word of the Lord.**

All respond: **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence follows.

## Gospel Acclamation

The gospel acclamation is sung. If it is not sung it is omitted.

## Gospel

The gospel is proclaimed. The proclaimer says:

**A reading from the holy gospel according to . . .**

All respond: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The proclaimer traces the cross on the gospel reading, and then on his or her forehead, lips and over the heart.

At the conclusion of the gospel the proclaimer says:

**The gospel of the Lord.**

All respond: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection (optional)

## Profession of Faith

If the liturgy calls for the Profession of Faith, as on Sundays, the leader of prayer may introduce it with:

**In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.  
I believe in one God . . .**

## Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

The Leader of Prayer introduces the Universal Prayer with these or similar words:

**Gathered together in Christ as brothers and sisters  
let us pray to God for the needs of the Church and the  
world.**

The Universal Prayer should be prepared to reflect the needs of the universal Church and the particular community. The series of intentions is usually to be:

- A. For the needs of the Church
- B. For public authorities and the salvation of the whole world
- C. For those burdened by any kind of difficulty
- D. For the local community

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal. Approved for use in the Dioceses of Canada, 2011. Article 70.)

The Universal Prayer could be taken from the Sunday Mass at the parish.

## Prayer of Praise

The Prayer of Praise concludes the Universal Prayer. In the Prayer of Praise we give our praise and thanks to God.

**Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of all that is,  
and Father of your chosen people:  
we praise you and thank you for your love.  
Bring us to continue to praise you  
by our lives and by our worship.  
Send the Spirit of you Son into the hearts of all people,  
and lead them to eternal joy with you.  
Gracious God, we ask this grace  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
in the love of the Holy Spirit.**

Prayer of Praise adapted from *Liturgies with Lay Presiders*, Liturgy Commission, Archdiocese of Edmonton, 1988.