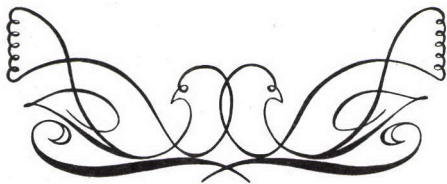


restored; give me grace to recognize that thy ministry is continued by priests, pastors, and physicians, and that thou art still the Good Physician of the souls and bodies of men. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.



COMMUNION OF THE SICK

¶ When the Priest is to administer Holy Communion outside of the Church, he carries the Blessed Sacrament in a pyx suspended over his breast. It is not customary to reserve the Precious Blood and it would be exceedingly dangerous to carry the Blessed Sacrament about in this species. Thus Communion outside of the Church has been administered in one kind only since the earliest days. The Glorified Christ cannot be divided and is present in the tiniest particle of either species. In receiving the Sacred Host only, the Communicant receives all of our Lord.

Before the Priest arrives, prepare a table with a clean, white cloth, one or two candles, if possible a crucifix or statue, and a glass of water with a teaspoon for the ablution. If possible, the Priest should be met at the door of the house by someone carrying a lighted candle and conducted to the room where Holy Communion is to be administered. In any case, no one should greet the Priest or say anything to him unnecessarily. He does not carry on conversations or respond to greetings when he is bearing the Body of the Lord. If the sick person desires to confess, others must leave the room while the confession is made. If anyone else is to receive Holy Communion with the sick person, the Priest must be notified beforehand.

¶ As he comes into the sick person's room the Priest should say:

V. Peace be to this house.

R. And to all that dwell in it.

¶ After having placed the pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament upon the table prepared for it, the Priest may take holy water and sprinkle the sick person, his bed and his room, saying:

Antiphon. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be clean; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalm 51. Have mercy upon me, O God:
* after thy great goodness.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, *etc.*

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, holy Father Almighty, everlasting God: and send thy holy Angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this habitation. Through Christ our Lord.

℟. Amen.

¶ If the sick person is to make his confession, others will leave the sick room until the Priest recalls them after the absolution.

¶ The Priest, and all who are to receive Holy Communion, say the General Confession:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of

them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee in newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The Priest gives the absolution as follows:

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. R̄. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest may turn to the Blessed Sacrament and say:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink

his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *R̄.* Amen.

¶ After which the Priest turns and, holding the Sacred Host over the pyx, says:

BEHOLD the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

¶ Then those who are to receive Holy Communion say with him thrice:

LORD, I am not worthy: that thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

¶ And the Priest administers Holy Communion, saying:

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.

¶ The Priest makes the ablution of his fingers, and proceeds:

Ψ. The Lord be with you.

R̄. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual

food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *R̄. Amen.*

¶ Then the Priest gives the blessing.

THE Peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father. ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *R̄. Amen.*

¶ In case the Priest has more Communions to administer, he cannot remain to visit but will leave immediately in silence, bearing the Blessed Sacrament again over his breast.