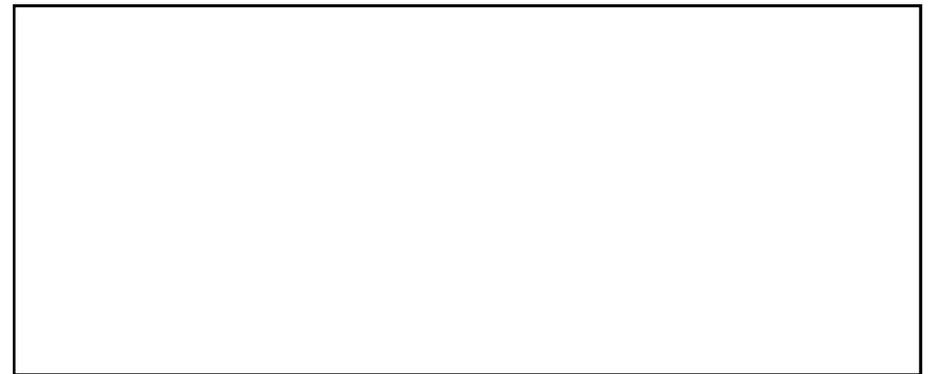


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Communion  
(in the absence of a Priest)***



**Concluding Prayer** ( Leader)

*(Normally taken from the missal text of the day)*

*(All stand)*

God of mercy, pour forth upon us your spirit of love,  
that we who have been nourished by the one bread from heaven  
may be one in mind and heart.

Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

R/ Amen

**Blessing**

May Almighty God bless us, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit

R/Amen

Let us go in the peace of Christ

or

Let us go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our lives

R/ Thanks be to God

*Any announcements/thanks may be made at this point followed by a closing song  
if a Sunday or Feast Day.*

*On Sundays a collection may be taken as people leave.*

*A Minister of communion brings the Sacrament to the altar; **not the leader.** Presuming that the leader is not a commissioned minister of Communion, the minister of Communion leads the prayer from The Lord's Prayer until after the distribution of Communion and the return of the ciborium to the tabernacle.*

### The Lord's Prayer (introduced by the leader)

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

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

**Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**R/ For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever**

### Sign of Peace

***The leader invites all present to exchange peace in these or similar words..... As children of the God of peace, let us offer one another a sign of reconciliation and peace***  
*(All exchange sign of peace)*

### Communion

*The minister takes a consecrated host and extending it towards the people says the following invitation*

**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.**

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

*During the distribution of Communion a suitable song may be sung.  
After the distribution, and the return of the ciborium to the tabernacle a period of silence should be observed.*

## **A Celebration of Word and Communion for Sunday & Weekday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest**

### Introductory Rites

#### Opening Song

An opening song may be sung. All Stand.

#### Greeting

***At a weekend celebration in the absence of a priest, it is appropriate for the leader to explain that a priest is not available and that we will be using this approved text for a 'Service of Word and Communion in the absence of a Priest'. Parishioners may be invited to follow the text in the leaflet available. Depending on the circumstances, it may be appropriate for the leader to name all those who will be participating in the service prior to beginning.....***

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

**R/ Amen**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.**

**R/ And with your spirit**

**Once again we gather to be the Church of Christ.**

**Christ is with us, as he promised:**

**present in this assembly of his people,**

**in the proclamation of God's word,**

**and in the communion of his body and blood.**

**As a/our priest cannot be with us**

**we are unable to celebrate the Eucharist.**

**Let us reflect on the word and pray together and then share**

**Christ's body and blood consecrated for us at a previous Eucharist.**

**[Today we celebrate... (Whichever Sunday or feast appears in the Ordo which can be found in the Diocesan Directory...)]**

**Penitential Rite** *(One of the following can be used)*

**Gathered together in Christ,  
let us ask for forgiveness with confidence,  
for God is full of gentleness and compassion**

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins  
And bring us to everlasting life**

**R/Amen**

Or

**You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:**

**R/ Lord have mercy**

**You came to call sinners:**

**R/ Lord have mercy**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:**

**R/ Lord have mercy**

**GLORIA – ONLY when indicated in the Ordo is the Gloria sung or said**

**Opening Prayer**

*(This should normally be taken from the Missal text of the day or prayer below can be used)*

**Almighty God,  
Fix our hearts on what is right and true, that we may  
please you always by observing your will both in word and deed.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.**

**R/ Amen**

**Liturgy of the Word**

*All sit. The scripture is proclaimed by a Reader taken from the readings of the day in the Lectionary.*

Reading

Psalm

(Second Reading on Sundays and Solemnities)

Gospel Acclamation (All stand)

*(Ideally, the Gospel is read by another reader or, if necessary, by the leader. A lay reader does not say "The Lord be with you" but begins with.....)*

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to....**

*Reflection (The leader may read a homily prepared by a / the priest or give a short reflection on the readings of the day) Silence*

**Profession of Faith** *(ONLY said when indicated in the Ordo)*

**General Intercessions**

**Let us pray for the needs of the Church and the world**

*(Petitions are said for the Church and for the world, as well as the local community.*

*Texts may be found in Appendix III of the Roman Missal and if a small group is present, the leader will ideally invite those present to offer intercessions too)*

*A period of silent prayer now follows.*

**Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people,  
spoken and unspoken.**

**Give us what we need to follow faithfully the call of the Gospel  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord**

**R/Amen**