**Holy Communion**

**with Persons who are Sick or Confined**

Holy communion is the primary symbol of our corporateness in Christ --
sick and confined persons must be included. Again, take others with
you -- communion belongs within community.

Communion with the sick or shut-in should differ from the Sunday service of Word and Holy Communion only in terms of length and formality. Whenever possible use the actual communion vessels of the congregation. The service may be celebrated in the person's home; around the bed or in the chapel of a hospital, care facility or other institution.

The bread and wine could be prepared and presented by family members or by an elder. A white cloth may be used to cover a table. When the table has been prepared, the celebrant leads in The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving followed by The Lord's Prayer. If the congregational responses are well known to those present, they should be included. Similarly, the Lord's Prayer should be said in unison in a version that is familiar to the person.

In a situation of extreme incapacity, it is sufficient to dip the bread in the wine and to moisten the lips of the recipient. Communion becomes a reality in the supportive presence of family and friends who gather in the name of Christ.

Anointing and Laying on of Hands may be included in the service. These healing actions follow the Communion of the people. In a service where the sacrament is not celebrated Anointing or Laying on of Hands would follow the Comment on Scripture and precede the prayers of intercession.

**Holy Communion**

**An Order**

**Greeting And Call To Worship**

The Lord be with you.

 **And also with you.** *Ruth 2:4.*

Surely God is our salvation;

 we will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord is our strength and our might;

 the Lord has become our salvation. *Isa. 12:2*.

**Prayer Of Adoration**

Blessed are you, gracious God:

you have given us life,

you have called us into wholeness,

you refuse to let us go.

Draw us closer to you in this time of worship

that we might experience your healing presence

and know your faithful love;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

**Rite Of Reconciliation**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

while we were sinners Christ died for us.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I invite you to make your confession to God.

*The confession may take the form of silent prayer, or a general confession may be said as follows.*

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have not loved you**

**with our whole heart and mind and strength;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**amend what we are,**

**and direct what we shall be,**

**so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The minister says:*

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone;

a new life has begun.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, believe the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen**.

**Readings From Scripture**

**Comment On Scripture**

**Prayers Of Intercession**

**Presentation Of Gifts**

*Bread and wine are presented.*

*The table may be prepared in silence.*

**Invitation**

This is the Lord's table.

Our Saviour invites all those who trust him

to share the feast which he has prepared.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

Let us pray.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty and merciful God,

in the face of much that seems to deny your presence,

we give you grateful thanks for the victory of Christ,

that has become our victory in him.

We thank you for revealing yourself in Jesus our Saviour.

He blessed little children when adults thrust them aside.

He touched lepers and made them whole;

wept at the death of a friend;

confronted fear in the darkness of a garden;

was subject to the torturer's lash and the scoffer's tongue;

and he suffered as we suffer.

We thank you that in his death and resurrection

Christ has overcome all that can destroy us.

We thank you that nothing in our lives,

no power or principality,

no occasion of pain or fear,

can ever separate us from your love.

In our weakness your strength is shown.

We thank you that on the night before he died,

Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you,

broke the bread and said,

"Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

Gracious God,

pour out your Holy Spirit upon us,

and upon this bread and wine

that we, and all who share this feast,

may be one with Christ and he with us.

Fill us with the joy of eternal life,

that we may be your faithful people

until we feast with you in glory.  **Amen**.

**Our Father in heaven,**

 **hallowed be your name,**

 **your kingdom come,**

 **your will be done,**

 **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

 **as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

 **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

 **now and for ever. Amen.**

**Fraction**

*The bread is broken and cup lifted in silence, or with the following words:*

When we break the bread,

it is a sharing in the body of Christ.

When we bless the cup,

it is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

 *I Cor. 10:16, 17.*

The gifts of God

for the people of God.

**Communion**

**Prayer After Communion**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Help us so to bear our infirmities before the world

that we may testify to your strength

and become to others a means of grace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,

be honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen**.

*A service of anointing and the laying on of hands may be added at this point if desired.*

**Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord be kind and gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favour

and give you peace.  **Amen**. *Num. 6:24-26, TEV.*

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, may the God of hope

fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

so that you may abound in hope

by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**. *Rom. 15:13.*