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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.

Communicant(s): 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 person and, showing him the Sacrament, says:

EMHC: The Body of Christ.

Communicant(s): Amen.

The communicant makes a sign of reverence, if possible (i.e., a bow of the head, bow at the waist, genuflection, etc.) and receives Communion. Others present then receive in the usual manner. A period of silence may now be observed. The EMHC then says the concluding prayer:

EMHC: Let us pray. All-powerful and ever-living God, may the Body and Blood of Christ your Son be for our brother (sister) N. a lasting remedy for body and soul. Through Christ our Lord.

All say: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

Then the EMHC invokes God’s blessing & crossing himself, says:

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

All say: Amen.

The EMHC returns any unconsumed Hosts to the church.
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INTRODUCTORY RITE GREETING

The EMHC approaches the communicant(s) and greets him and the others present in a friendly manner, using one of the following greetings:

EMHC: Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

Any other customary form of greeting from Scripture may be used.

The EMHC places the Sacrament on the table prepared, and all adore it. If possible, the table should be covered with a white cloth or corporal and be accompanied by lit candle(s), preferably white.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The EMHC invites the sick person and those present to recall their sins and to repent of them in these words:

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

A pause for silent reflection follows.

All say: 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,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

HOLY COMMUNION

The EMHC then introduces the Lord’s Prayer in these words:

EMHC: Now let us pray together to the Father in the words given us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

All say: Our Father ...

Then the EMHC shows the Holy Eucharist, saying: