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Holy Communion outside the Eucharist during the Pandemic

Before receiving Holy Communion, a parishioner should have prepared oneself spiritually by, for example, watching the online Eucharist of the week or studying the readings of the week's Eucharist before coming back to church.

GREETING

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

LORD'S PRAYER

Minister: Brothers and sisters, the pandemic has made it difficult for us to take part physically in the Eucharist, and yet the mercy of God is boundless. Now, God is to bring you nourishment of the heavenly food, the Body of Christ.

As you have prepared yourselves spiritually for a foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet, now let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

While the Lord's Prayer is being said, the minister, in a reverent manner, takes the ciborium or pyx containing the body of the Lord and places it on the altar.

HOLY COMMUNION

At the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, taking the host, the minister raises it slightly over the vessel or pyx and, facing the people, says:

Minister: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The faithful are to sanitize their hands before they proceed to receive Communion.

After Communion, a period of silence may be observed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.