Communion Under Special Circumstances *

For those who are unable to partake of the Blessed Sacrament due to sickness, disability, natural disaster, quarantine, or family emergencies. Communicants may light a candle to acknowledge the presence of Christ; and may kneel, stand, or sit, as they prefer, or are able.

Invocation [Revelation 3:20]  
“Behold, I stand at the door of your heart, and knock. Open, so I may come in and break bread with you.”

Act of Contrition  
Cleanse us, LORD, from all unrighteousness. Forgive us for the wrongs we’ve done, and the good we’ve failed to do; that we may love you with all our heart, body, mind, and soul; in this world and the next.

Psalm [23:5-6]  
You prepare a table for us. You anoint our lives with goodness and mercy, that we may dwell in your loving presence forever.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ [John 15:5]  
Christ is the vine. We are the branches. Christ abides in us, and we find peace and joy in him; that we may bear fruit on earth as in heaven.

Response: Praise to you Lord Christ!

A moment of silence is kept. Communicants may use this time to meditate on the Gospel.

Apostles’ Creed  
We believe in GOD, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; and is seated on the right hand of GOD the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

Prayer for GOD’s People  
Thy kingdom come, LORD. Thy will be done. Give us our daily bread, and deliver us from evil; for thine is the power and the glory; now and forever!

Additional prayers or petitions may be offered.

Thanksgiving  
We thank you, Blessed Jesus, for the Bread of Heaven, and the Cup of Salvation; and for your Body made flesh in us.

Silence may follow. Additional thanksgivings may be offered. A hymn may be sung.

Blessing  
May the peace of GOD which passes all understanding keep us in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN!

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