

Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (Rite II) Form to be used by a Deacon

The Liturgy of the Word follows the BCP pp. 355-360; or begins with the Penitential Order, pp. 351-353.

After the Confession of Sin, the Deacon remains kneeling and says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

After the Liturgy of the Word, the Deacon, standing in the center of the chancel, away from the altar, says one of the following Offertory Sentences:

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts.
Psalm 96:8

Or

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

Or

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.
Revelation 4:11

Or

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all.
1 Chronicles 29:11

A hymn is now sung.

The Deacon receives the people's offering. The following may be said:

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

The people kneel.

The Deacon [spreads a corporal and then] reverently takes the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle or aumbry and places it on the Altar.

[BCP, page 364]

Deacon The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Deacon Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son,
 on the night before He suffered,
 instituted the Sacrament of His Body and Blood:
 Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully
 in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Who in these holy mysteries
 gives us a pledge of eternal life;
 and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Deacon sing or say:

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name,
 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The following may be sung or said:

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The following may also be said:

We do not presume to come to this Your Table, O merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.
 We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your Table.
 But You are the same Lord Whose property is always to have mercy.
 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

The Deacon stands facing the people and says one of the following Invitations:

The Gifts of God for the People of God: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.	Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world: Happy are those who are called to the Banquet of the Lamb. <i>People</i> Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.
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*The Deacon receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then distributes it to the people.
During the administration of Communion, hymns, psalms, or anthems may be sung.*

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words:

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

Or with these words:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

The ablutions are done in the usual manner.

The remaining Reserved Sacrament is reverently placed back in the tabernacle or aumbry by the Deacon.

After Communion, the Deacon and people kneel. The Deacon says:

[BCP, page 365]

Let us pray.

Deacon and people:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of Your Son our Savior 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.

Or the following:

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Your Son,
and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work You have given us to do,
to love and serve You
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A hymn may be sung before or after the Post-Communion Prayer.

In place of the Blessing, the Deacon remains kneeling and may say the following:

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face to shine upon us
and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon us
and give us peace:

In the Name of the Father ,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Deacon dismisses the people with one of the sentences from the BCP p.366.