

# Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (Rite I)

## Form to be used by a Deacon

*The Liturgy of the Word follows the BCP pp. 323-332.; or begins with the Penitential Order, pp. 319-321.*

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

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of His Holy Spirit. *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 unto the LORD the honor due unto His Name;  
bring presents, and come into His courts.

*Psalm 96:8*

*Or*

Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*Or*

Worthy art Thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou hast created all things, and by Thy will they were created and have their being.

*Revelation 4:11*

*Or*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in heaven and in the earth is Thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art 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.*

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*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Deacon* Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son,  
on the night before He suffered,  
did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood:  
Mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same  
in remembrance of Him who in these holy mysteries  
giveth us a pledge of life eternal,  
the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit,  
ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*The following may also be said:*

We do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table.  
But Thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Thy 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 of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee,  
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.  
Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee,  
and feed on Him in thy heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for thee,  
preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life.  
Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for thee,  
and be thankful.

*Or 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:*

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Let us pray.

*Deacon and people:*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee  
for that Thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of Thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate  
in the mystical body of Thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope,  
of Thy everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father,  
so to assist us with Thy grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end.

*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 unto 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.339-340.*