HOLY COMMUNION OUTSIDE OF MASS

with a celebration of the

WORD OF GOD

for use during the

Convocation of Priests

of the

Archdiocese of Newark

June 18, 19 and 20, 2019

Rite of Distributing Communion
Outside Mass
With the Celebration of the Word

In the Archdiocese of Newark, it is not permitted to have regularly scheduled communion services in parish churches or chapels. Parishes which do not have weekday Masses every day of the week are to advise parishioners of the nearest locations with weekday Masses on those days.

The following may be used only during the convocation of priests when parishes may not be able to celebrate daily Mass. It may not be combined with any other liturgies or devotions. The following is taken from the ritual, *The Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*. Please remember the Priests of the Archdiocese in prayer during these services.

This rite is to be used chiefly when Mass is not celebrated or when communion is not distributed at scheduled times. The purpose is that the people should be nourished by the word of God. By hearing it they learn that the marvels it proclaims reach their climax in the paschal mystery of which the Mass is a sacramental memorial and in which they share by communion. Nourished by Gods word, they are led on to grateful and fruitful participation in the saving mysteries.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

After the people have assembled and preparations for the service are complete, all stand for the greeting of the minister.

GREETING

If the minister is not a deacon, he greets those present with these or similar words:

**Brothers and sisters,
the Lord invites us to his table to share in the body of Christ:
Blessed be God forever.**

The people answer:

Blessed be God forever.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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

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,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Minister: **Let us ask God to hear our prayers and petitions.**

Reader: For Francis our pope and Joseph our bishop.
May they continue to lead the church in the ways of Christ.
We pray:

Reader: For world leaders, that they may heed the challenging words of Jesus to love and forgive as the work to make a peaceful world.
We pray:

Reader: For ourselves, that we may be sincere people of prayer and charity, working to build up the kingdom of God. We pray:

Reader: For the priests of our archdiocese as they gather in convocation.
May their ministry be blessed with charity and holiness.
We pray:

Reader: For the sick and imprisoned;
for the poor and the hungry
for victims of abuse,
and for all those who have died
marked with the sign of faith. We pray:

Minister: **God of love,**
hear the prayers we place before you,
unite us in faith,
and answer them
through Christ our Lord.   R: Amen.

Holy Communion

**Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Savior gave us:**

Our Father…

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

**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.**

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.

The body of Christ.

The minister then says the concluding prayer.

Let us pray.

Lord,
you have nourished us with the one bread of heaven.
fill us with your Spirit,
and make us one in peace and love.
Through Christ our Lord.

The people answer: Amen.

A lay minister invokes God's blessing, crossing themselves, says:

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

The people answer: Amen.
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A deacon says: **The Lord be with you.**

The people answer: And with your spirit.

The deacon says: **May almighty God bless you,**
        the Father and the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

The people answer: Amen.
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Finally the minister says: **Go in the peace of Christ.**

The people answer: Thanks be to God.

Then after the customary reverence, the minister leaves.