ANointing of the sick within Mass
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Text above in purple indicates the elements unique to this celebration.
INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

RECEPTION OF THE SICK
135. After the greeting, the priest welcomes the sick in these or similar words (two options, one shown here):

B

Christ taught his disciples to be a community of love. In praying together, in sharing all things, and in caring for the sick, they recalled his words: “Insofar as you did this to one of these, you did it to me.” We gather today to witness to this teaching and to pray in the name of Jesus the healer that the sick may be restored to health. Through this eucharist and anointing we invoke his healing power.

ACT OF PENITENCE / KYRIE

GLORIA

OPENING PRAYER
136  Afterward the priest, with hands joined, sings or says:

Let us pray.
All pray in silence for a brief period. Then (one option of two are shown here):

Father,
you raised your Son’s cross
as the sign of victory and life.
May all who share in his suffering
find in these sacraments
a source of fresh courage and healing.
We ask you this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen
LITURGY OF THE WORD

137  The liturgy of the word is celebrated in the usual way according to the instructions in no. 134.*  The general intercessions are omitted since they are included in the litany.

In the homily the celebrant should show how the sacred text speaks of the meaning of illness in the history of salvation and of the grace given by the sacrament of anointing.

A brief period of silence may follow the homily.

The proclamation of the Creed follows the homily if it normally would.

*  Note: The praenotanda indicate that, excluding certain days indicated, the Ritual Mass for the Anointing of the Sick can be used. When this is the case, the priest(s) and deacon(s) wear white vestments, and the readings are taken from the corresponding section of the Lectionary for Mass.
LITURGY OF ANOINTING

LITANY
138 The priest may adapt or shorten the litany according to the condition of the sick persons.

(Note: In a Sunday celebration it is likely that none of the persons present in at this celebration would be in a condition that required shortening of the litany.)

Let us pray to God for our brothers and sisters and for all those who devote themselves to caring for them.

(Note: According to his ability, the priest chants or says:) Bless N. and N. and fill them with new hope and strength:
Lord, have mercy.
   R. Lord, have mercy.

Relieve their pain: Lord, have mercy.
   R. Lord, have mercy.

Free them from sin and do not let them give way to temptation:
Lord, have mercy.
   R. Lord, have mercy.

Sustain all the sick with your power: Lord, have mercy.
   R. Lord, have mercy.

Assist all who care for the sick: Lord, have mercy.
   R. Lord, have mercy.

Give life and health to our brothers and sisters on whom we lay our hands in your name: Lord, have mercy.
   R. Lord, have mercy.

LAYING ON OF HANDS
139 In silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of each sick person. If there are several priests present, each one lays hands on some of the sick.
PRAYER OVER THE OIL
140 The priest says a prayer of thanksgiving over the blessed oil or he may bless the oil himself (see no. 21), using one of the following.

Thanksgiving Over Blessed Oil – If the oil is already blessed, the priest says the following prayer of thanksgiving over it:

[The priest may give this instruction to the assembly.]
Brothers and Sisters, as we give thanks to God for the gift of sacramental grace symbolized by the use of this holy oil, I invite you to respond to each of these three prayers of praise by saying “Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.”

Praise to you, god, the almighty Father.
You sent your Son to live among us and bring us salvation.
   R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Praise to you, God, the only-begotten Son.
You humbled yourself to share in our humanity and you heal our infirmities.
   R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Praise to you, God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler.
Your unfailing power gives us strength in our bodily weakness.
   R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

God of mercy,
ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness of your servants whom the Church anoints with this holy oil.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
   R. Amen

[The optional blessing of oil follows in the ritual text, but since this edition is intended for use on a diocesan scale, it would be most appropriate if the Oil of the Sick blessed by the bishop at the Chrism Mass is used.]
The priest anoints the sick person(s) with the blessed oil. If there are large numbers of sick people to be anointed, other priests may assist the celebrant. Each priest anoints some of the sick, using the sacramental form.

First he anoints the forehead, saying:

Through this holy anointing
may the Lord in his love and mercy help you
with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Then he anoints the hands, saying:
May the Lord who frees you from sin
save you and raise you up.

Amen

The sacramental form is said only once, for the anointing of the forehead and hands, and is not repeated.

Depending upon the culture and traditions of the place, as well as the condition of the sick person, the priest may also anoint additional parts of the body, for example, the area of pain or injury. He does not repeat the sacramental form.
The priest says one of the following prayers: [only the two general prayers included here]

**A**

Father in heaven,
through this holy anointing
grant our brothers and sisters comfort in their suffering.
When they are afraid, give them courage,
when afflicted, give them patience,
when dejected, afford them hope,
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

**B**

Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
by the grace of your Holy Spirit
cure the weakness of your servants.
Heal their sickness and forgive their sins;
expel all afflictions of mind and body;
mercifully restore them to full health,
and enable them to resume their former duties,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.

Amen

[Those who have been anointed are invited to resume their places in the assembly.]
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

144 With hands extended, the priest sings or says:

A
Merciful God,
as these simple gifts of bread and wine
will be transformed into the risen Lord,
so may he unite our sufferings with his
and cause us to rise to new life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen

B
Lord,
we bring you these gifts,
to become the health-giving body and blood of your Son.
In his name
heal the ills which afflict us
and restore to us the joy of life renewed.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen
Eucharistic Preface

145 The priest begins the eucharistic prayer. With hands extended he sings or says:

The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks,
for you have revealed to us
in Christ the healer
your unfailing power and steadfast compassion.

In the splendor of his rising
your Son conquered suffering and death
and bequeathed to us his promise
of a new and glorious world,
where no bodily pain will afflict us
and no anguish of spirit.

Through your gift of the Spirit,
you bless us, even now,
with comfort and healing,
strength and hope,
forgiveness and peace.

In this supreme sacrament of your love
you give us the risen body of your Son:
a pattern of what we shall become
when he returns again at the end of time.

In gladness and joy
we unite with the angels and saints
in the great canticle of creation,
as we sing (say):
SPECIAL EMBOLISM FOR EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

When Eucharistic Prayer I is used, the special form of “Father, accept this offering,” is said:

Father, accept this offering
from your whole family,
and especially from those who ask for healing
of body, mind, and spirit.
Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen.
SPECIAL EMBOLISM FOR EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

When Eucharistic Prayer II is used, after the words “and all the clergy,” there is added:

Remember also those who ask for healing
in the name of your Son,
that they may never cease to praise you for the wonders of your power.
SPECIAL EMBOLISM FOR EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

When Eucharistic Prayer III is used, after the words “the family you have gathered here,” there is added:

Hear especially the prayers of those who ask for healing in the name of your Son, that they may never cease to praise you for the wonders of your power.
A
Merciful God,
in celebrating these mysteries
your people have received the gifts of unity and peace.
Heal the afflicted
and make them whole
in the name of your only Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
\(\text{Amen}\)

B
Lord,
through these sacraments
you offer us the gift of healing.
May this grace bear fruit among us
and make us strong in your service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
\(\text{Amen}\)
CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

147 Then the priest blesses the sick persons and others present, using one of the following:
[The two solemn options shown here.]
Deacon/Priest: Bow your heads and pray for God’s blessing.

A
May the God of all consolation bless you in every way
and grant you hope all the days of your life.
  \[\text{Amen}\]
May God restore you to health
and grant you salvation.
  \[\text{Amen}\]
May God fill your heart with peace
and lead you to eternal life.
  \[\text{Amen}\]
May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, \(\text{\textdegree}\) and the Holy Spirit.
  \[\text{Amen}\]

B
May the Lord be with you to protect you.
  \[\text{Amen}\]
May he guide you and give you strength.
  \[\text{Amen}\]
May he watch over you, keep you in his care,
and bless you with his peace.
  \[\text{Amen}\]
May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, \(\text{\textdegree}\) and the Holy Spirit.
  \[\text{Amen}\]

DISMISSAL

148 The deacon (or the priest) then dismisses the people and commends the sick to their care. E.g.:
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, especially in the sick and suffering.
  \[\text{Thanks be to God.}\]