

The priest 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. R. Amen.

Then he anoints the hands, saying:

May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. R. Amen.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, through this holy anointing grant **N.** comfort in his/her suffering. When he/she is afraid, give him/her courage, when afflicted, give him/her hope, when dejected, afford him/her hope, and when alone, assure him/her of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now let us pray with confidence as the Lord told us: Our Father...

The priest may give the apostolic pardon for the dying:

Through the holy mysteries of our redemption, may Almighty God release you from all punishments in this life and in the life to come. May he open to you the gates of paradise and welcome you to everlasting joy. **R.** Amen.

Blessing:

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you for ever. **R.** Amen.

ANOINTING OUTSIDE MASS

Greeting:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

Instruction:

My dear friends, we are gathered here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is present among us. As the gospels relate, the sick came to him for healing; moreover, he loves us so much that he died for our sake. Through the apostle James, he has commanded us; "Are there any sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church, and let the priests pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them."

Let us therefore commend our sick brother/sister **N.** to the grace and power of Christ, that he may save him/her and raise him/her up.

If the sacrament of penance is now celebrated, the penitential rite is omitted.

Penitential Rite:

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

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick. Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners, Christ have mercy.

R. Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give us yourself to heal us and bring us strength, Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

The priest concludes the penitential rite with the following:

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

Liturgy of the Word:

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

At that time, Jesus said “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.” He continued: “All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A brief period of silence or a reflection on the reading may follow.

Liturgy of Anointing:

My brothers and sisters, in our prayer of faith let us appeal to God for our brother/sister **N.**

Come and strengthen him/her through this holy anointing: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

Free him/her from all harm: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

Free him/her from sin and all temptation: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

Relieve the sufferings of all the sick [here present] : Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

Assist all those dedicated to the care of the sick: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

Give life and health to our brother/sister **N.**, on whom we lay our hands in your name: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord have mercy.

Laying on of hands:

In silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person.

Thanksgiving over the Blessed Oil:

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 weaknesses.

R: Blessed be God, who heals us in Christ.

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

R. Amen.