



Ante-Communion

This form is basically the Liturgy of the Word constituting the first portion of the Eucharistic rite using the Penitential Order, and concluded by a version of the form that often accompanied the use of the Morning Prayer for Sundays prior to the advent of the 1979 Prayer Book. (Congregations that keep the ancient practice of suspending the Confession for the season of Easter would not use the Penitential Order.)

The Daily Office is acceptable under the present circumstances for Sunday use; but, of course, this is not the model enshrined in the ordo of the 1979 book. Ante-Communion has the advantage over the Daily Office on Sundays of being already keyed to the Eucharistic lectionary and of being familiar to the congregation in its content and rhythm.

The general outline of Ante-Communion in the Easter season through Pentecost (without Confession) for online worship is as follows:

[Hymn, Psalm, or Anthem Sung]

“Alleluia Christ is risen...”

[Collect for Purity, optional in Rite II]

Gloria or other Song of Praise (including an appropriate Canticle) said or sung

Collect of the Day

OT

[Psalm, Hymn, or Anthem]

NT

[Psalm (Tract), Hymn, or Anthem]

Gospel

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

[Hymn or Anthem] *

Lord’s Prayer

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...” or a Blessing

or

The Exchange of the Peace

*Under normal circumstances the offering would be taken during or immediately after a Hymn or Anthem and before the Lord’s Prayer; or after the Prayers of the People and before the Lord’s Prayer. It is assumed that offerings are being given by alternative means in present circumstances.