**Comparing the Church’s Sacrament with Jesus’ example**

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| **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** | **Jesus’ actions from Scripture** |
| \* The priest gives a formal greeting to those present. |  |
| \* The priest sprinkles holy water around the room and on the sick person as a reminder of Baptism. |  |
| \* An opening prayer is prayed together and a Penitential Rite (or expression of sorrow for sin) is led. |  |
| \* Text from Scripture is read by the priest or someone else present. These readings may be either Matthew 11:25-30, Mark 2:1-12 or Luke 7:19-23. Silence follows the reading. |  |
| \* A litany for the sick person is led by the priest. |  |
| \* Next, in silence, the priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person. |  |
| \* The priest then blesses the oil, or, if the oil is already blessed, says a prayer of thanksgiving. |  |
| \* The sick person is anointed on the forehead and hands; a prayer follows the anointing. e.g. |  |
| "God our healer, in this time of sickness you have come to bless N. with your grace. Restore him/her to health and strength, make him/her joyful in spirit, and ready to embrace your will. Grant this through Christ our Lord." |  |
| \* Next, the Lord's Prayer is said. |  |
| \* Then, in many cases, the Liturgy of Holy Communion will be celebrated for all present. |  |
| \* The ceremony concludes with the priest's blessing. |  |