

MINISTRY TO THOSE WHO ARE SICK HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation for Communion

For private personal use before the Service.

Jesus says: Come to me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11: 28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3: 16*

I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall never be hungry and whoever believes in me shall never be thirsty. *John 6: 35*

THANKSGIVING

Thank God for all the many blessings you have received, and for all that is at present being done for you; for all doctors and nurses; (for this hospital and all who work here).

REPENTANCE

Ask God's forgiveness for the ways in which you have failed him and others.

INTERCESSION AND PETITION

Pray for all those you love:

(for the other patients in your ward;)

(for all who will be receiving communion with you;)

for all who look after you;

for all in need;

for yourself, that you may come closer to God and his healing power.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you came to the poor and powerless
and gave them hope.
Come to me in this wonderful sacrament
and raise me up in love to you, for I am helpless without you.

Be calm in the knowledge that you are under the protection of Almighty God.

Holy Communion One (page 180)

Or

Holy Communion Two (page 201)

The following variations may be used.

The following prayer may be used in place of the Collect for Purity:

God of peace,
you teach us that in returning to you we shall be saved:
By the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence,
where quietness and confidence shall be our strength;
and where we may be still and know that you are God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT
of the day may be said.

The Ministry of the Word

READINGS

One or more readings from Scripture: a gospel reading should normally be included. Readings may be those of the day or from those suggested on page 453.

PENITENCE

The priest says

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8*

Let us confess our sins.

A short pause for self-examination.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.**

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER

Those present may mention personal needs and thanksgivings.

The laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil may take place here or after receiving Holy Communion (page 447).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The priest takes the bread and wine.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, our God and Father,
for you have created us and you sustain us.

Through your only Son Jesus Christ
you have revealed your love and your care for all your people;
you are ready to forgive and to save in time of need;
so we proclaim your glory, saying

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
on the night that he was betrayed, took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:
**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him our great high priest
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and, as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit,
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER
is said

The priest breaks the bread, saying

The bread which we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body
for we all share in the one bread.**

COMMUNION

After all have received, silence is kept for a space and the priest says

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

**we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Strengthen us by the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your heart and mind
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**