

# Ministry to the Sick

## The celebration of Holy Communion at home or in care

**L** | May the grace and peace of God, our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

According to our Lord Jesus Christ, where two or three are gathered in his name, he himself shall be in their midst, and whatever they ask in his name, they shall receive. Trusting in these words, we will celebrate Holy Communion together, where the Lord himself is present in body and blood. We ask that he give us leave to take part in this holy act, with humble and sincere hearts.

Let us give thanks, and pray.

Risen Lord and Saviour, we praise and extoll your holy name because you offered yourself to atone for our sins. You are the love that is stronger than death. Grant your salvation to us when we come to your table to receive this holy meal with humble and sincere hearts. Unite us to yourself as branches on a vine, let us love one another as you have loved us, and let us gather once more with you in your perfect kingdom.

## The Lord's prayer

A | Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

## Words of consecration - Verba

**L** | In the same night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave you thanks; 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 gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; 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.

## Lamb of God – Agnus Dei

A | Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

#### The Meal

The words of distribution words: This is the body of Christ. This is the blood of Christ.

Alternatively, these words may be used: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### After the distribution:

L | The crucified and risen Jesus Christ has given you (us) his holy body and blood which he gave as atonement for all your (our) sins. May he strengthen you (us) and uphold you (us) in true faith to eternal life. Peace be with you.

#### Here may follow:

#### The thanksgiving prayer

L | Let us give thanks and pray.

**L** | We thank you, heavenly Father, for your blessed gifts. We pray that, with these gifts, you will preserve our faith in you, unite us in your love and confirm us in the hope of eternal life, in the name of Jesus Christ.

## The blessing

**L** | Receive the blessing.

L | The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace  $\clubsuit$  Amen.

The celebration may conclude with a hymn.