

Spiritual Communion

When unable to attend a Celebration of the Eucharist

*If a household is praying together, one person may act as leader and the others as the congregation and they join in the sections in **bold type**. If alone, read all the words aloud. You may want to light a candle before you begin and have a bible, cross or crucifix to look at.*

The Lord is here. **The Spirit is with us.**

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name:
through Christ our Lord. Amen

You may want to pray the Collect of the Day here, from an app, book or available from the pew sheet on our web site or at the back of church.

You could use one or more of the readings of the day or the following short readings:

First Reading - Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any one hears my voice and opens the door; I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me.

Psalm - Psalm 62

On God alone my soul in stillness waits:
from him comes my salvation,
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

Gospel - John 1 5:5

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Spend a few moment praying for the people you know and love, the needs of the world and for an end to the current Pandemic.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Contrition

I love you, Jesus, my love above all things and I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again, grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will.

Act of Spiritual Reception

In Union, dear Father, with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the Precious Body and Blood, I offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though I am exiled from tasting the Bread of Heaven and drinking the Cup of Life I pray that you will unite me with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.

O LORD and heavenly Father; we your humble servants entirely desire your fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: most humbly beseeching you to grant, that by the merits and death of your Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his blood, we and all your whole Church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.
Amen

THE peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds 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 among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Some prayers for you to use at home

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
Amen.