

Humble Access

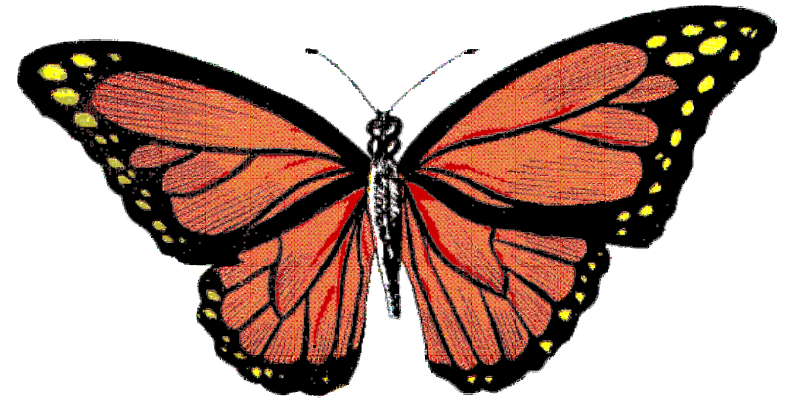
Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of
your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen.

Receiving the Sacrament

The Body and Blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.



Thank you Father for the peace and joy of this Holy Sacrament. Now may the +Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us all, and those whom we love, now and for ever more. Amen.



An Order of Holy Communion in the Wards

We begin by reminding ourselves that wherever we are, in Church, at home, out in the fresh air, or here at hospital, we are always in God's presence.

He has been with us in the past, he will be with us in the future, and is with us now, to hear us, to support us and to comfort us in this sacrament.

So we meet, as always, + in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Comfortable Words

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Hear what Saint Paul says:
This saying is true, and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

Hear what Saint John says:
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2:1-2

The Confession

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. **Amen.**

The Lord Jesus taught us a family prayer, which in confidence we pray together:

**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.
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.**