THE HOLY COMMUNION

(For use in the home or hospital.)

(Book of Common Prayer Rite 1)

*Communicants should respond and participate in the sections where capitals are printed.*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him. Come unto me all that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you. So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*The Collect of the Day.*

***A reading may follow here***

Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**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 THY SON, JESUS CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US AND FORGIVE US ALL THAT IS PAST THAT WE MAY HEREAFTER SERVE AND PLEASE THEE IN NEWNESS OF LIFE, TO THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF THY NAME; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

*The Absolution*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, have mercy upon you (us), pardon and deliver you (us) from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you (us) in all goodness, and bring you (us) to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We do not presume to come to this thy table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: **GRANT US THEREFORE GRACIOUS LORD, SO TO EAT THE FLESH OF THY DEAR SON JESUS CHRIST, AND TO DRINK HIS BLOOD, THAT OUR SINFUL BODIES MAY BE MADE CLEAN BY HIS BODY, AND OUR SOULS WASHED THROUGH HIS MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD, AND THAT WE MAY EVERMORE DWELL IN HIM, AND HE IN US. AMEN.**

*If no priest is present, or Communion is being brought from the church or one room to another, the following prayer should be used.*

The Church of God, has taken bread and wine and given thanks over them according to our Lord’s command. I bring these Holy gifts, so that you may share in the communion of His Body and His Blood: For we who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Receive therefore, the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he gave for you and his blood, which he shed for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

***or***

The Consecration

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we, receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood: Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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”. Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this as often as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me”. Amen.

*Administration of Holy Communion*

His were the words that spake it;

He took the bread and brake it;

And what His words doth make it;

So we believe and take it.

*The priest or Lay minister says:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for thee preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. And The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life. Eat and drink these holy gifts in remembrance that Christ died for thee and be thankful.

Let us pray:

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.**

**THY KINGDOM COME. THY WILL BE DONE IN 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.**

*Special prayers as requested, or prayers for those present may be said here.*

*The blessing or if no priest is present, the Grace may be said.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your 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 Ghost, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Prayers and meditations after Communion may be said quietly by the Communicants during the ablutions.*

**STRENGTHEN, O LORD, THESE HANDS WHICH HAVE RECEIVED THY HOLY THINGS. GRANT THAT THE EARS WHICH HAVE HEARD THY VOICE MAY BE CLOSED TO THE NOISE OF CLAMOUR AND DISPUTE; THAT THIS BODY WHICH HAS TASTED THY LIVING BODY, MAY BE RESTORED TO NEWNESS OF LIFE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

**GOD BE IN MY HEAD, AND IN MY UNDERSTANDING;**

**GOD BE IN MINE EYES, AND IN MY LOOKING;**

**GOD BE IN MY MOUTH, AND IN MY SPEAKING;**

**GOD BE IN MY HEART, AND IN MY THINKING;**

**GOD BE AT MINE END: AND AT MY DEPARTING. AMEN.**

**O HEAVENLY FATHER, WHO IN THY LOVE AND WISDOM KNOWEST THE ANXIETIES AND FEARS OF ALL THY CHILDREN; WHOSE SON JESUS CHRIST SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID….AND TO THE TEMPEST, PEACE, BE STILL: GRANT THAT I MAY CAST ALL MY CARE UPON THEE, FOR THOU CAREST FOR ME. GIVE ME QUIETNESS; GIVE ME UNSHAKEN TRUST; AND MAY THE DAY-SPRING FROM ON HIGH GUIDE MY FEET INTO THE WAY OF PEACE; THROUGH THE SAME JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN**