

As theology meets practice, I offer a post communion prayer to replace para. 87 (APB 1989: 129) that anyone is free to use or edit when presiding at "online" Eucharist services (in the light of participants not physically receiving communion).

Post-Communion Prayer:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present, Lord Jesus, as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

For those using Morning Prayer on Sundays, perhaps a slightly different version of the General Thanksgiving (APB 1989: 94) for use in the Prayers (first part) would be appropriate; one that adds a seasoning of lament:

*God of all mercies,
we your children give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your presence,
that as we lament our separation during this time of disease,
we may continually show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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