

By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and  
morning, and never fails to meet us each  
new day.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

My Lord and my God,  
take from me everything  
that distances me from you.

My Lord and my God,  
give me everything  
that brings me closer to you.

My Lord and my God,  
detach me from myself  
to give my all to you.

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# Pastoral care

Open heart, open ears, open hands



## Dear Patient,

On behalf of the pastors, we are pleased to welcome you to the Claraspital. The hospital is a world of its own. Many find it difficult to adjust to the new surroundings. They are confronted with a new situation: being ill. We know that being ill and the associated frailty are part of life. However, overcoming or accepting this is not easy.

In addition to doctors and nurses, the pastors are there for you. We have time for you and would like to help you with your questions, concerns, doubts and needs during your stay.

It is our ambition to be there both for you as a patient as well as for your relatives. We do not consider any denomination or religious affiliation to be a barrier.

We wish you fresh courage and hope with every new day: God bless you.

Your pastors at the Claraspital.

### Personal meeting

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Would you like to have a personal meeting, then please have a nurse or relative let us know. We will be happy to visit you in your room. At your request, we can also arrange contact with your home of residence parish or congregation.

### Chapel

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The Claraspital chapel on the 2nd floor is open to you at all times as a place of peace. Services also take place here, to which you are warmly welcome. Please inform your nurse if you need help getting there.

### Liturgical services

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Church services take place on a regular basis in the chapel. Notices regarding this are posted in all wards.

### Communion and anointing of the sick

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We will be happy to bring the communion to your room. Please inform the nursing staff if you would like to receive this sacrament in your room.

The anointing of the sick is an important strengthening in times of severe illness. Please inform your nursing staff if you would like to receive this sacrament.

### Other confessions and religions

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We would be happy to contact and call clerics from other religions or confessions on your behalf.

May your soul now and then  
light up in the festive dress of joy

May your burden now and then  
be lightened and your steps  
be lively as in a dance

May a song now and then  
rise from the bottom of your heart  
to welcome life, like a blackbird  
the morning

May the heavens now and then  
cross your threshold

*Antje S. Naegeli*