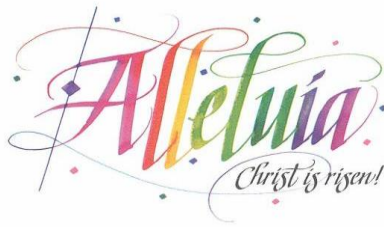


HEALING SERVICE April 14, 2021



EASTER Season

THE GATHERING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Canticle M, A Song of Faith 1 Peter 1:3-4, 18-21 (EOW)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by divine mercy we have a new birth into a living hope; Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we have an inheritance that is imperishable in heaven. The ransom that was paid to free us was not paid in silver or gold, But in the precious blood of Christ, the Lamb without spot or stain. God raised Jesus from the dead and gave him glory so that we might have faith and hope in God.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Bind up the wounds of your children, O God, and help us to be bold and loving in service to all who are shunned for the diseases they suffer, following the example of your servants Damien and Marianne, that your grace may be poured forth upon all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 57:14–19

A reading from Isaiah

¹⁴It shall be said,

“Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.”

¹⁵For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:

I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

- ¹⁶For I will not continually accuse, nor will I always be angry;
for then the spirits would grow faint before me, even the souls that I have made.
- ¹⁷Because of their wicked covetousness I was angry;
I struck them, I hid and was angry; but they kept turning back to their own ways.
- ¹⁸I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will lead them and repay them with comfort,
creating for their mourners the fruit of the lips.
- ¹⁹Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the LORD; and I will heal them.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 103:13-22

Benedic, anima mea

- ¹³ As a father cares for his children,
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ *For he himself knows whereof we are made;
he remembers that we are but dust.*
- ¹⁵ Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ *When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.*
- ¹⁷ But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures forever on those who fear him,
and his righteousness on children's children;
- ¹⁸ *On those who keep his covenant
and remember his commandments and do them.*
- ¹⁹ The LORD has set his throne in heaven,
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- ²⁰ *Bless the LORD, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
and hearken to the voice of his word.*
- ²¹ Bless the LORD, all you his hosts,
you ministers of his who do his will.
- ²² *Bless the LORD, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion;
bless the LORD, O my soul.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:1–6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹Now, when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities. ²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

REFLECTION

A LITANY OF HEALING

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers. *The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation; *we praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly; *we praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence; *we praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being; *we praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; *hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; *hear us, O Lord of life.*

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; *hear us, O Lord of life.*

You are the Lord who does wonders: *you have declared your power among the peoples.*

With you, O Lord, is the well of life: *and in your light we see light.*

Hear us, O Lord of life: *heal us, and make us whole.*

The Celebrant Let us pray. *A period of silence follows.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

Celebrant: O God, the source of all health: So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power to possess us, and gracefully accept your healing. Comfort and relieve all those for whom we pray, give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Those who desire to receive the Laying on hands and the unction for themselves or on behalf of someone else, let us know. The following prayer may be used during the laying on of hands.

N., I lay my hands upon you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain you with his presence, to drive away all sickness of body and spirit, and to give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve him both now and evermore.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER And now, filled by the Spirit we may pray, *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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *Let us pray, Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.* (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

THE BLESSING God's blessing be with you. Christ's peace be with you. The Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always. *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia! *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

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