

A Service of Healing
Wednesday in Holy Week
April 5, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Dialog

For those whose lives are broken by distress;

May the God of healing restore us.

For those whose lives are broken by fear;

May the God of healing restore us.

For those whose lives are broken by anger;

May the God of healing restore us.

For those whose lives are broken by pain;

May the God of healing restore us.

For those whose lives are broken by illness;

May the God of healing restore us.

For those whose lives are broken by sin;

May the God of healing restore us.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the great physician, made the broken whole and healed the sick. Touch our wounds, relieve our hurts, and restore to us wholeness of life, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121 *Read responsively.*

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

²**My help comes from the LORD,
 who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴**He who keeps Israel
 will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day,
 nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will keep
 your going out and your coming in
 from this time on and forevermore.**

Gospel *Matthew 11:28-30*

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

1 "Come to me, O weary trav - 'ler; come to me,
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O weary trav - 'ler; rest in me
me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is
bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Silence is kept for prayer and meditation. Each petition ends:

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Laying On of Hands and Anointing with Oil

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Those who desire may come forward to the chancel for anointing and prayer.

Blessing and Prayer

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all. When we are afraid, give us courage; when afflicted, give us patience; when dejected, give us hope; and when alone, assure us of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord who taught us to 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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