

A Service of Public Healing



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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who come here seeking your healing grace for themselves or others. Give to all patience and hope in their distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant that all your people may be made whole according to your desire, through Jesus Christ, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Readings and Responses

1 Samuel 2:1–10

¹ Hannah prayed and said,
‘My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

² 'There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³ Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

⁶ The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

⁷ The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honour.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

⁹ 'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

¹⁰ The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.'

Psalm 150

¹ Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
⁶ Let everything that has breath *
praise the Lord.
Hallelujah!

Mark 4:30–34

³⁰He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

A Collect for our Saint

O God of boundless mercy, whose handmaiden Kassiani brought forth poetry and song: Inspire in your church a new song, that following her most excellent example, we may boldly proclaim the truth of your Word, even Jesus Christ, our Savior and Deliverer. Amen.

A Litany for Healing

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.

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

All

Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

Laying on of hands and prayers for the sick. The Leader continues

Holy Scripture teaches us that Jesus healed many who were sick as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing through prayer in his name. By laying hands upon the sick, and by anointing them, the disciples witnessed to the marvelous power and presence of God. Pray, that as we follow their example, we too may experience Christ's unfailing love.

All desiring prayers for specific individuals offer those names. The Deacon prays aloud saying the following,

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

Our prayers surround you as our hearts and minds embrace you and anoint you. May we receive Christ's gift of healing, especially for _____ (*the people now offer names either silently or aloud*).

Alice Adams
Gordon Adams
April Anderson
André
Annie
Betsy
Beverly

Catherine Grover
Virginia Guildford

Vye

Dennis Laurie
Joe Lewis
Trinna Miller

Bobbie Yates

Those who face mental health challenges

Inez Boone
Gary Brown

Mark Pierce
Sue Pierce
Denise (Powell?)
Sharon Powell

Wanda and her clients

Cheryl

Philicia Collins

Jason Cross

Jackie Dare

Cathy Diggle

Ersky "Butch" Freeman

Michael Freeman

Edna Gott

Audrey S.

John S.

Judy Severson

Sharon

Tina

Caregivers

Those experiencing
homelessness

Those experiencing the loss of a
loved one

May the power of God wash over all that they may be raised up in peace and inward strength.
Amen.

*Then, the Leader says,
Let us pray.*

Loving God, as we have been outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may you inwardly anoint us all with your Holy Spirit. Of your mercy, may suffering be relieved, and may our spirits, minds and bodies be restored to grace and peace. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray and strengthen us to be instruments of your healing in the world. Amen.

The Peace

The Great Thanksgiving- Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest,
faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray,

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dismissal