

A SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Prelude: Quiet music for quieting your spirit

WELCOME:

OPENING: INVOCATION (Leader)

Leader: Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And also with you

Leader: Let us pray.

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your Holy Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, on God, for ever and ever. *

All: Amen

GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

COLLECT

Leader: Heavenly Father, your Son commissioned his disciples to heal the sick, and through the Holy Spirit you bestow gifts of healing on His church. Hear the prayers we offer in his name and grant your healing to those for whom we intercede and those on whom we lay on hands and anoint, that together we may bear witness to the gospel of salvation and the glory of your kingdom; we ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **

All: Amen.

Hymn:

Scripture Reading:

Special Music:

Scripture:

Litany of Healing

Leader: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

All: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader: God the son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

All: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

A: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being:

All: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

All: Hear us, O lord of Life.

Leader: 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.

All: Hear us, o Lord of life.

Leader: mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

All: Hear us, O Lord of Life.

Leader: Grant of the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy spirit those who are bereaved.

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

All: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader: You are the Lord who does wonders;

All: You have declared your power among the peoples

Leader: With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

All: And in your light we see light.

Leader: Hear us, O Lord of life;

All: Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us Pray:.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your sSon: 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.

All: Amen

Homily, Testimony or Time for Quiet Reflection and Meditation

Hymn:

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You sent your Son to proclaim the good news of your salvation and to manifest your healing power. Continue your gracious work among us by the power of your Holy Spirit, and grant that we who have received your forgiveness and healing may live your gospel and manifest your kingdom in all that we think and say and do, now and always. Through Jesus Christ our Physician and Savior, who has taught us to pray by saying:

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and
forever. Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

Leader: Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise your name forever. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

we lift our voices of thanks and praise:

All: Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and forever. Amen.

Those who wish to receive the ministry of anointing of oil and prayer are invited to come kneel at the altar. Following this you are invited to pray and meditate at your seat or come for prayer with members of the Healing Team.

Continuous music...during anointing and prayer

After you have finished praying, feel free to stay as long as you wish and leave as the Spirit leads, praying silently the following benediction:

Benediction:

Almighty God, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours. And then use me I pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Through Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior, Amen.

We commit ourselves to God and leave in his care.

Because the Holy Spirit is continually at work in each of us, pushing us toward wholeness, the process of healing is like removing sticks and leaves from a stream until the water runs clear. If we simply get out of the way of the Lord's work in us, we can trust that we are being led to the particular kind of wholeness God wills for us.

* *Book of Occasional Services, 2nd ed, A Public Service of Healing, pg. 162*

** Gunstone, John, *Prayers for Healing*, Highland Inter Publishing Service Ltd, 1992 ed. Pg. 164, 165