**A Service of Prayer for Healing** *(Informal)*

**The Greeting**

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.

We have been called out of darkness into God’s marvellous light.

Grace and peace be with you

**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome are offered.*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts,

through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:

we dwell in him and he lives in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

**make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Sing to God, sing praises to his name:

**and speak of all his marvellous works.**

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:

**who was and is and is to come.**

**Time of Praise**

*One or more* ***HYMNS*** *may be sung.*

**Time of Confession**

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin

and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,

we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

*There follows a period of reflection and self-examination.*

*Music may be played. A physical form of response may be invited.*

*The following may be used.*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says the Absolution*

God, the Father of mercies,

has reconciled the world to himself

through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,

not holding our sins against us,

but sending his Holy Spirit

to shed abroad his love among us.

By the ministry of reconciliation

entrusted by Christ to his Church,

receive his pardon and peace

to stand before him in his strength alone

this day and for evermore.

**Amen.**

*A* ***HYMN*** *of praise and thanksgiving may be sung.*

**The Collect**

*Silence may be kept.*

Heavenly Father,

you anointed your Son Jesus Christ

with the Holy Spirit and with power

to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom.

Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,

that we who share in his suffering and victory

may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;

through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Reading(s)**

*At the end of each reading may be said*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*A* ***HYMN*** *may be sung.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

*These or other suitable prayers are offered.*

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

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life,

and might have it more abundantly.

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

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

**We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled,

that they may be made whole.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed

a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering

wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress

soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance

and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

**Hear us, 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, Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,

in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

**Hear us, Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, Lord, is the well of life

**and in your light do we see light.**

Hear us, Lord of life:

**heal us, and make us whole.**

Let us pray.

*A period of silence follows.*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people;

in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help;

for you are gracious, O lover of souls,

and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

In confidence let us pray to the Father

for the coming of the kingdom among us:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**Prayer for Healing**

*The minister introduces a time of healing, during which* ***HYMNS*** *may be sung or music played.*

*The people are invited to receive prayer at one of the stations during the time of ministry.*

*At the close of ministry, the minister says*

The almighty Lord,

who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him,

whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey,

be now and evermore your defence.

May you believe and trust that the only name under heaven

given for health and salvation

is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*A* ***HYMN*** *may be sung.*

**The Blessing & Dismissal**

God who said: ‘Let light shine out of darkness’

**has caused his light to shine within us**

to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

**revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.**

We have this treasure in earthen vessels

**to show that the power belongs to God.**

May God the holy and undivided Trinity

preserve you in body, mind and spirit,

and bring you safe to that heavenly country

where peace and harmony reign;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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