**A Healing Service with Holy Communion**

***The Gathering***

*At the entrance of the ministers, a* ***HYMN*** *may be sung.*

**The Greeting**

In the name of the Father,

and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father

and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome are offered.*

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**

**all desires known,**

**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**

**that we may perfectly love you,**

**and worthily magnify your holy name;**

**through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*The prayers of penitence may be used here or after the prayers of intercession.*

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.

Cast your burden upon the Lord

**and he will sustain you.**

In returning and rest

**you shall be saved.**

In quietness and trust

**shall be your strength.**

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

*Music may be played*.

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.**

**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 Liturgy of the Word***

**The Readings**

*At the end of each reading is said*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Gospel Reading**

*When the Gospel is announced, the reader says*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

***Prayer for Healing***

Christ taught his disciples to love one another. In his community of love, in praying together, in sharing all things and in caring for the sick, they recalled his words: ‘In so far as you did this to one of these, you did it to me.’ We gather today to witness to this teaching and to pray in the name of Jesus the healer that the sick may be restored to health and that all among us may know his saving power.

**Prayers of Intercession**

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 prayers of penitence may be used here if not used at the beginning of the service.*

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

**Laying on of Hands and Anointing**

*Each person is invited to receive the laying on of hands individually.*

*The laying on of hands is administered to each, using these words:*

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,

receive Christ’s healing touch to make you whole.

May Christ bring you wholeness

of body, mind and spirit,

deliver you from every evil,

and give you his peace.

**Amen.**

*Then, the minister says*

N, I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life.

Receive Christ’s forgiveness, his healing and his love.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

grant you the riches of his grace,

his wholeness and his peace.

**Amen.**

*After all who want to have received the laying on of hands and anointing, the president 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.**

***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

**The Peace**

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us

and, as a pledge of what is to come,

has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Preparation of the Table**

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

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks

in sickness and in health,

in suffering and in joy,

through Christ our Saviour and Redeemer,

who as the Good Samaritan

tends the wounds of body and spirit.

He stands by us and pours out for our healing

the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope,

turning the darkness of our pain

into the dawning light of his kingdom.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and *saying*

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command,

send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, 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.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,

in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,

we proclaim his death and resurrection

until he comes in glory.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**Rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,

help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes

and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,

gather us in your loving arms

and bring us with all the saints

to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,

for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,**

**because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Communion is received.*

*Music may be played or hymns may be sung.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

God of all compassion,

by the dying and rising of your Christ

you restore us to yourself

and enfold us in your love.

May we who have been refreshed

with the bread of life and the cup of salvation

be renewed by your healing Spirit

and made ready for the coming of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Almighty God,**

**we thank you for feeding us**

**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**

**to be a living sacrifice.**

**Strengthen us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

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

**The Blessing**

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 peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers depart.*

*The people may remain to pray quietly or depart as they wish.*

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