

Healing Service

The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing: the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.

In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.

During the Healing portion of today's worship service, you may move to one or more stations around the room, or remain in your seat, for prayer. You may join in singing or simply listen as you feel led. This portion of the service will conclude with a spoken prayer and blessing. The sanctuary will be open after worship for any who wish to return to prayer at any of the stations.

HEALING STATIONS

Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands: Prayer ministers John Gemma, Craig Peck, Deacon Connie, Pastor Annemarie

Hearts of Grace

Praying with Our Senses

Private Written Prayer

Prayer Beads

Following are prayers and Bible verses for private prayer should you choose to remain in your seat:

Prayers for individuals on your mind or heart

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake,
send your Holy Spirit upon your servant, name ;
drive away all sickness of body and spirit;
make whole that which is broken
deliver *her/him/them /them* from the power of evil;
and preserve *her/him/them /them* in true faith,
to share in the power of Christ's resurrection
and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.
Amen.

Healing Spirit of God,
at work in Jesus,
present here and now,
fill your whole being,
free you of all harm,
and give you peace.
Amen.

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.

A prayer of Julian of Norwich

In you, Father all-mighty, we have our preservation and our bliss. In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and savior. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace. You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us. You are our maker, our lover, our keeper. Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well. Amen.

A prayer of Martin Luther

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith; strengthen me. I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor. I do not have a strong and firm faith; at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me. Strengthen my faith and trust in you. In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have. I am poor; you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor. I am a sinner; you are upright. With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness. Therefore I will remain with you, of whom I can receive, but to whom I may not give. Amen.

A prayer of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen

Answer to prayer

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common prayer to you, and you have promised through your Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us, in this world, knowledge of your truth and, in the age to come, life everlasting. Amen.

A prayer of Augustine of Hippo

O loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our duties your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A prayer of Catherine of Siena

Power of the eternal Father, help me. Wisdom of the Son, enlighten the eye of my understanding. Tender mercy of the Holy Spirit, unite my heart to yourself. Eternal God, restore health to the sick and life to the dead. Give us a voice, your own voice, to cry out to you for mercy for the world. You, light, give us light. You, wisdom, give us wisdom. You, supreme strength, strengthen us. Amen.

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Prayers for a World in Need

Merciful God,
you sent your Son to be our peace.
Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety.
In your great mercy, hear me O God.

Mighty God,
mercifully grant strength to the weak
and comfort to those who suffer,
that their sickness and pain may be turned into health.
In your great mercy, hear me O God.

God of peace and reconciliation,
bring an end to the sickness of the world,
especially violence, terrorism, war, and their causes.
In your great mercy, hear me O God.

Holy God, Holy One,
your Son prayed that your people may be one.
May the gift of baptism be a power
for healing the church's brokenness,
and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity.
In your great mercy, hear me O God.

Loving God,
mend broken relationships and bring peace
to our families, our congregation, this community, our country, and the world.
In your great mercy, hear me O God.

Eternal God,
we thank you for all the faithful departed,
especially *name*. Heal the pain of all who grieve.
In your great mercy, hear me O God.

O God, I know you hear me as you have promised,
and will answer according to the mercy
shown in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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Matthew 8:14-17 *Jesus heals Peter’s mother-in-law*

Matthew 11:28-30 *I will give you rest*

John 10:11-18 *I am the good shepherd*

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.

Recovering from Trauma

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*

Psalm 27 *The Lord is my light and salvation*

Psalm 130 *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord*

Lamentations 3:22-26 *The steadfast love of the Lord*

Matthew 5:1-10 *The Beatitudes*

Our Lord and our God, grant us grace to know your love in whatever we face. Give us patience and thankfulness even in our pain, anxiety, or loss; and move us with compassion and tenderness for our afflicted neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Out of the darkness we cry to you, O God. Enable us to find in Christ the faith to trust your care even in the midst of pain. Assure us that we do not walk alone through the valley of the shadow, but that your light is leading us into life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Grieving Loss

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God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One who is sick or injured

Psalm 27 *The Lord is my light and salvation*

Psalm 42:1-3 *My soul thirsts for the living God*

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1 Peter 5:6-9 *Cast your anxieties on God*

O God, the strength and comfort of those who suffer: mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servant *name* the help of your power, that *her/his/their* sickness may be turned into health and our anxiety into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of power and love, be present with *name*, that *her/his/their* weakness may be overcome and *her/his/their* strength restored; and that, *her/his/their* health being renewed, *she/he/they* may bless your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and relieve your servant *name*, and let your healing be known through those who minister to *her/his/their* needs, that *she/he/they* may be strengthened in this time of trial and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to our *sister/brother/sibling* *name* an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In *her/his/their* pain, weariness, and anxiety, surround *her/him/them* with your care, protect *her/him/them* by your loving might, and grant to *her/him/them* once again the gifts of health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Chronic illness

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Psalm 31:1-3, 5 *Into your hands I commend my spirit*

Psalm 139:1-17 *O Lord, you have searched me and known me*

Romans 5:1-5 *Justification by faith gives peace with God*

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 *We walk by faith, not by sight*

2 Corinthians 12:7b-10 *God’s power made perfect in weakness*

Loving God, your heart overflows with compassion for your whole creation. Pour out your Spirit on *name* and all people living with illness for which there is no cure, as well as their families and loved ones. Help them to know that you claim them as your own; deliver them from fear and pain; and assist us in ministering to their needs; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your cross and passion you redeemed the world. To *name* and all who face long-continued suffering grant patience, courage, and the constant assurance of your love. Strengthen them every day and every hour, that having endured with you they may also live and reign with you, now and forever. Amen.

Before a medical procedure or surgery

Psalm 8 *How majestic is your name*

Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd*

Psalm 31:1-3, 5 *Into your hands I commend my spirit*

Isaiah 43:1-3a *I have called you by name*

Luke 4:18-19 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*

John 10:11-18 *I am the good shepherd*

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, graciously protect *name* in *her/his/their* surgery. Fill *her/his/their* heart with confidence that, though *she/he/they* may be anxious, *she/he/they* may put *her/his/their* trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, we pray that you will comfort *name* in *her/his/their* suffering, bless the means used for *her/his/their* care, and support those who use their skills for healing. Give *her/him/them* such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when *she/he/they* is afraid, *she/he/they* may put *her/his/their* whole trust in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God of grace and comfort, enfold *name* with your mercy. Strengthen *her/him/them* with the shield of faith, and enable *her/him/them* to trust you in all that lies ahead; heal *her/him/them* and bear *her/his/their* pain, keep *her/him/them* in peace and fix *her/his/their* heart on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Guilt, Forgiveness

God of mercy, compassion, and healing, you are more willing to forgive than I am to confess. The burden of guilt is heavy upon me. I thank you that you hear me when I pray, that you share my suffering and pain, and that you forgive my sins. Remind me that with you there is mercy, and make me to hear of joy and gladness. Show me your mercy, O Lord, and grant me your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

God of all comfort, quiet my mind that I may make room for your healing forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isolation, Loneliness

O Lord our God, you see and know and feel the pain of the world. Look upon me when I feel alone, and enfold me with your love, that in the midst of pain I may know your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessed Lord, in moments of pain I turn to you for strength; in times of loneliness I seek your loving nearness. Grant that your life and love and joy may flow through me for the healing of others in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Spiritual Life

Daily renewal

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Enlightenment of the Holy Spirit

God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant us, we pray, to be grounded and settled in your truth by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts. That which we know not, reveal; that which is wanting in us, fill up; that which we know, confirm; and keep us blameless in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commitment

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves: our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, our wills to serve you, for we are yours. Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves: receive us and draw us after you, that we may follow your steps; abide in us and enliven us by the power of your indwelling. Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves: take us and fashion us after your image; let your comfort strengthen, your grace renew, and your fire cleanse us, soul and body, in life and in death, in this world of shadows and in your changeless world of light eternal, now and forever. Amen.

Commitment

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.