

Healing worship 6th October-26



O Christ, the healer, we
have come to pray for
health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be
restored,
when reached by love that
never ends?

Leader In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Be with us, Spirit of God;

All, nothing can separate us from your love.

Breathe on us, breath of God; **All, fill us with your saving power.**

Speak in us, wisdom of God; **All, bring strength, healing and peace.**

Silence is kept

The Lord is here. **All, His Spirit is with us.**

The Greeting

Loving God, we give you thanks for calling us to come together in worship,
in reflection, and in celebration as one fellowship.

Although we are in our separate homes your Spirit holds us firmly together as a
family in Christ,

Come among us

And dwell in us this evening and all our meetings whether it be remotely in our
homes or together in Church. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you. **and also with you.**

lighting of Candle



Come, my Light, and illumine my
darkness.....

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn
up the thorns of my sins, kindling my
heart with the flame of thy love.

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L. Healing God, our loving Father,

The candles we have lit represent each and every one of us who are suffering in body or mind or low in spirit.

Let the candles light remind us of Jesus Christ, Your Son, who is the light of the world and the light in our darkness.

Give us, we pray, comfort in our anxiety and fear,
courage and strength in our suffering,
patience and compassion in our caring,
consolation in our grieving.

**All. But above all, give us hope now and always,
through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

Reader. 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.

L. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:

All. make known his deeds among the peoples.

L. Sing to God, sing praises to his name:

All. and speak of all his marvellous works.

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

All. who was and is and is to come.

Prayers of Penitence

L. 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.

L. You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy. **All. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:

Christ, have mercy. **All. Christ, have mercy.**

Leader. You bring light to those in darkness:

Lord, have mercy. **All. Lord, have mercy.**

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Reader. Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct us to walk humbly with you,
our God. **Amen.**

Leader. God, the Father of mercies,
has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of
his Son, Jesus Christ,
We pray that we receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his
strength alone this day and for evermore. **All Amen.**

Reader. Said Hymn, O Christ, the healer,

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

**All. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen**

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Leader. Let us Pray

Father, You will not leave me alone, for You are near.

I may have affliction, but You deliver me.

You are so loving and faithful.

So I look to You now,

Father, keep these bones. I ask for healing and give You every ounce of glory.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

Leader. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All. Glory to you, O Lord. Mark 3. 1-12

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

3 Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there.

Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath.

Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand,

“Stand up in front of everyone.”

Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Leader. Loving God, We pray that you will comfort all those who are suffering, lend skill to the hands of healers.

Give us such confidence in the power of your grace, that even when we are afraid, we may put our whole trust in you; through our Saviour Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession Let us pray;

Leader: Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we make our prayer to you saying,

Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

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L. Grant to all who seek you
the assurance of your presence, your power and your peace.
Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Reader. Grant your healing grace to all who are sick,
that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit.
Lord in your Mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Reader. Grant to all who minister to the suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.
Lord in your Mercy. **All Hear our Prayer**

Reader. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful
and lift up all who are brought low.
Lord in your Mercy. **All Hear our Prayer**

Reader. Hear us Lord of life: **All Heal us and make us whole.**

Prayers for Healing

Leader Be with us, Spirit of God
All. Nothing can separate us from your love.

Leader. Breathe on us, breath of God.
All. fill us with your saving power.

Leader Speak in us, wisdom of God
. All. bring strength, healing and peace. Amen.

Reader 1. Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. **Amen**

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Reader 2. Sovereign God, you are gentle and merciful.
Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress;
Remember in your mercy all for whom we pray;
and in the fullness of time complete your gracious work
that we may be
restored in your image,
renewed in your love,
and for ever praise your great and holy name. **All Amen.**

Leader: As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

Anointment with cream/oil

In order to participate fully in the prayers for healing, please have ready by you some “holy oil” substitute, e.g. nice hand cream or face cream, or perfume/ aftershave, or even hand sanitizer!

A product that you use for your personal care, and which we will use in these prayers to symbolize God’s healing in our lives.

Leader Lord, holy Father, giver of health and salvation,
as your apostles anointed those who were sick and healed them,
so continue the ministry of healing in your Church.
We present to you these symbols of care for our bodies. .

[Apply your cream/oil]

As we use them now with faith in your healing power, may we and all for whom we pray, know freedom from suffering and distress,
find inward peace, and the joy of your salvation,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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God of love, we bring before you all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We pray for those who find the complexities of life too difficult to bear; for those living with chronic disease or who has been given a new frightening diagnosis; and for those in constant pain.

May the skills and knowledge of those who care for the sick be fully used to help and to heal.

Father, May all those who are ill know the reality of your loving presence amongst them and help us to remember to give you thanks for our own health and strength.

In a moment of quietness, we name in our hearts those we know or love who are in need or ill at this time.....

Moment of Quiet

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord we bring before you the named sick
May Christs healing hand rest on “**NAMES**” give Them wholeness of body, mind and spirit and also give their families peace and comfort
Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We bring before you those in our Parish who will pass into your Kingdom today, recently departed and those whose anniversary of their passing falls at this time,

Eternal rest grant unto them, *O Lord,*
and **LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM**
may they rest in Peace
AND RISE IN GLORY. Amen

Lord we bring before you those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them. Give to them the strong comfort which no one else can give, and let them know the comforting power of the resurrection of Jesus.

Father, we rejoice all our prayers in fellowship with St Matthew, all the saints, with those of our Blessed Mother.

In **your** unfailing love for us, we ask that you hear and answer our prayers through your Son, as we honour his mother and say:

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**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

**Merciful Father Please accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader. Almighty and everlasting God,
who can banish all affliction both of soul and of body,
show forth your power upon those in need,
that by your mercy they may be restored to serve you afresh
in holiness of living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit Laying on of hand and prayer.

NAME # *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. **All Amen.***

Notices.

Leader. We Pray that God keeps us in all our days.
That Christ shield's us in all our ways.
That the Spirit brings us healing and peace.
That God the Holy Trinity drives all darkness from us and pours upon us
blessing and light.

All. And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Will be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. **All Thanks be to God**

and *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.*

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