

April 13, 2022
Holy Week
Healing Service

INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

O DIVINE HEALER: PART 1

Short silence to prepare. Lighting of candles.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servants gathered this evening; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver us from the power of evil; and preserve us in true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

Amen.

HYMN: *ELW 614 -There is a Balm In Gilead*

THE WORD: *John 4:46-54*

Then [Jesus] came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death.

Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies."

Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live."

The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his

way. As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him."

The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

Word of God.

Word of life.

REFLECTION

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and
make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
 to live with respect in Creation,
 to love and serve others,
 to seek justice and resist evil,
 to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE WORD: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Loving God, our source and our final home,
we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth,
for our human bodies and all you have created.

In your great mercy,

hear us, O God.

Merciful God,
by the wounds of your Son we are healed.
Bring your saving health to all people.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Holy God,
your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism
and brought us into the communion of saints.
Renew in us the grace of baptism,
by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Mighty God,
your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all.
Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Valerie,
Bonnie, Kurt, Judy, Rene, Donna, Susan, Derrick, Elias, Nancy, Carol Jo,
Ruby, Jeanine, Rachael, Steve, Axton, Jim, Kevin, Donnabel, Greta,
Hildur, Ron, Lola, Sandy, Mona, and Darlene.
Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Healing God,
you are the comforter of those who are enduring cancer.
Bring healing and hope to Juanita, Mark, Jocelyn, Marianne, MaryBeth,
Dan, Edith, Tracee, Dana, Evelyn, Bonita, Ted, Kip, Jim, Joanne, Diane,
and Karen.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer,
bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual
distress. We ask for your dear presence among those who are homebound:
Marilyn, Mavis, Marge, Marlys, Jan, Roy, Lillian, Lawrence, Jacquie, and
Sigrun.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Almighty God, source of human knowledge,
give skill, wisdom, and compassion

to all who provide medical care.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Loving God, our creator and redeemer,
give gentleness and courage to family members, friends,
and caregivers of those who suffer.
In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

Silence to offer your own prayers.

God of great and abundant mercy,
with your presence sustain all for whom we pray.
Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope,
and strengthen their trust in you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

O DIVINE HEALER: PART 2

BLESSING

The God of all consolation bless you in every way,
grant you hope all the days of your life,
restore you to health and grant you salvation,
fill your heart with peace,
and lead you to eternal life.

Almighty God bless you, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.