

10.30am HEALING SERVICE - Sunday 29th August 2021

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Welcome

Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits –
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Opening Prayer

We come to God

**In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus
And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.
We come with our hopes, our fears and our doubts,
We come as we are, because it is God who invites us
and God has promised never to turn us away.**

Song - My Jesus, my Saviour

Bible reading: Matthew 7:7-12

At the end of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Invitation to Confession

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

Confession

The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

**Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Introduction to Prayer Ministry

There are a number of ways in which we can engage with the Lord during this time of prayer, including the following:

- If you are with others at home, you might like to pray for one another.
- Write a prayer(s) for yourself / a person on your heart and mind. If you have a Cross in your home, place your prayer at the foot of the Cross.
- Light a candle, as you pray for people you're concerned about, remembering that Jesus is the Light of world who has come that no one need walk in darkness.
- During the time of prayer ministry there is normally an opportunity to be anointed with the sign of the cross and to be prayed for. You might like to make the sign of the cross and

then open your hands with palms up, in a gesture of receiving from the Lord. The following prayer will be said at the end of the Prayer time, so receive it as being prayed over you:

In the name of God and trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, 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.

Song - Strength will rise

Prayer

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing, and peace.

Prayer Ministry

Concluding Prayer

Lord God, You have promised that in Jesus we will find true peace which surpasses all human understanding. We pray that today you would grant us your strength and bestow upon us your peace, as we reflect on the many blessings you have given us.

Through Christ our Lord,
the true Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

**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 forever.
Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.