



**A service of
Healing and Wholeness
on the feast of St Luke
for the Mothers' Union in
The Diocese of
St Edmundsbury and Ipswich**

Welcome

During the service today there will be an opportunity to receive the ministry of Healing and Wholeness. This ministry is one of the sacramental signs of the Church since ancient times and may include the laying on of hands, prayer and anointing with holy oil.

When we come for healing we are asking God to make whole all that prevents us from fulfilling his purpose for our lives. This may be due to physical infirmity or emotional pain; it may stem from our lack of vision, grief or our failure to respond to him. Sometimes we will know what we need to ask healing for, other times it may be simply a feeling that we need to be open to God.

In the sacrament of healing we allow the grace of God to work in our lives. As such any healing we receive is from God alone and enables us to walk more closely with him. This may include, but is not limited to, physical healing. All we need know is that we have received a moment of healing grace.

When you receive communion today the minister will pray for you and anoint you with holy oil on the forehead before you receive the bread and the wine. You may ask for a specific prayer whilst you are being anointed or simply receive a general prayer for healing, wholeness and peace, preferring your intention to remain between you and God. If you would rather not be anointed with oil please keep your head bowed when you come to receive communion.

We hope you will find this a helpful and enriching opportunity.

A Celebration of Healing and Wholeness

The Gathering

Hymn

The Celebrant greets the people.

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.
We have been called out of darkness into God's
marvellous light.

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

Words of welcome

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.

All Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
make known his deeds among the peoples.

All Sing to God, sing praises to his name:
and speak of all his marvellous works.

All Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty:
who was and is and is to come.

Peruvian Gloria

Cantor
All

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen, alleluia ame—n.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

The Collect for healing (*other collects may be used*)

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.

All

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*Proclaiming our faith in the words of this **hymn** we sing*

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.**

Remain standing turning to face the Gospel

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
for all that I have heard from my Father
I have made known to you.

Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

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

Sermon

Prayer and Penitence

Prayers of Intercession

God the Father, your will for all people is health
and salvation.
All **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life,
and might have it more abundantly.
All **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your
presence.
All **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move
and have our being.

All **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.

All **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.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

All **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.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

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.**

Mothers' Union Prayer

**Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely
given to us all. We pray for families around the
world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we
seek to share your love through the encouragement,
strengthening and support of marriage and family
life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in
prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out
as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name.
Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

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

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.

Absolution

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses 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 evermore.

All

Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Oil for anointing is brought before the president.

All Our help is in the name of the Lord
who has made heaven and earth.

All Blessed be the name of the Lord:
now and for ever. Amen.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth. Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might praise your Name for ever. By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest on those who are anointed with this oil in your name; may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit, restored in your image, renewed in your love, and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise:

All **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. Amen.**

The laying on of hands is administered, using these or other suitable 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.**

Anointing may be administered. 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 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.

All **Amen.**

Hymn *collection for the work of the Mothers' Union*

The president takes the bread and wine

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
 and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All 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 now we join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The president says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

During the distribution hymns may be sung.

The Sending Out

All God who said: 'Let light shine out of darkness'
has caused his light to shine within us
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
All **revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.**
We have this treasure in earthen vessels
All **to show that the power belongs to God.**

Dismissal Gospel

A minister says

All Hear the words of the Gospel according to *N.*
Glory to you, O Lord.

A short passage from the Gospel of Mark

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, 'Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you.' And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

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

The Peace, Blessing and Dismissal

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.

All **And also with you.**

A minister says

A sign of peace may be exchanged.

Hymn

Blessing

May Christ's holy, healing, enabling Spirit be with you
and guide you on your way at every change and turn;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

All Go in the joy and peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

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