



A SERVICE OF HEALING

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Coracle & Incarnation Anglican Church

Welcome

Thank you for coming. We gather tonight as burdened people, seeking God's healing in our lives and in the world around us. You may participate in this service in whatever way helps you experience the comfort of God's presence. Some may want to pray and sing every word; others may want to sit in silence and simply receive this time as a gift. However you choose to engage in tonight's service, we pray that you will encounter the love of God.

The liturgy for tonight's service comes from the 2018 Book of Occasional Services of The Episcopal Church and the 2019 Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church in North America.

A Service of Healing

Opening Acclamation

Leader Blessed be our God.
People **Now and forever. Amen.**
Leader Let us pray.

Collect for Purity

All **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Collect gathers (or "collects") the people's prayers to be prayed together.

The Collect for Purity is an English translation of a prayer that has been prayed at the beginning of worship for over a thousand years.

The Collect of the Day

Leader The Lord be with you
People **And with your Spirit**
Leader Let us pray
All **God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving-kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.**

We will observe a time of silence, welcoming God's loving presence among us.

Opening Song

Now and At the Hour of Our Death

1. Oh spirit of God, speak your peace, speak your peace
Oh spirit of God, speak your peace, speak your peace
Now and at the hour of our death, Amen, Amen
Now and at the hour of our death, Amen

2. Oh merciful God, forgive us, forgive us
Oh merciful God, forgive us, forgive us
For all the things we have done, and left undone
For all the things we have done, and left undone

3. Oh Son of God, rescue us, rescue us
Oh Son of God, rescue us, rescue us
Now and at the hour of our death, Amen, Amen
Now and at the hour of our death, Amen

4. Oh Risen Christ, here with us, here with us
Oh Risen Christ, here with us, here with us
By your wounds we are healed, allelulia, allelu
By your wounds we are healed, allelulia

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The Lessons

During the scripture readings, we invite you to listen for a word or phrase that stands out to you. In the silences between the readings, contemplate how God might be speaking to you through his Word.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 58

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-17

Reader LORD, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

People **You trace my journeys and my restingplaces and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Reader Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

People **You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.**

Reader Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

People **Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?**

Reader If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

People **If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

Reader Even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

People **If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"**

Reader Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

People **For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often quoted.

The Psalms are the prayer book of the people of God throughout all ages. They cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. They teach us how to pray.

Reader I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

People **My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Reader Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

People **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!**

Reader If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

New Testament Reading: James 5:14-16

After the reading

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 8:43-48

Please stand.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After the reading

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Scripture Reflection

After reflecting on the gospel passage, you are invited to come forward to place your stone or thread on the fabric as an embodied prayer for healing.

The New Testament records the preaching, letters, and stories of the early church.

The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) tell the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus. We stand to hear them as a sign of our reverence for Christ the Word. We read the Gospels in the midst of the people because "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Song of Response

Satisfied in You (Psalm 42)

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We invite you to receive this song as an opportunity for quiet contemplation.

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Nicene Creed summarizes the Christian faith and has been said by Christians across traditions, time, and space ever since the 4th century.

Litany of Healing for Church Wounds

Leader God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done to us and our brothers and sisters.

Leader For those who have been harmed in mind, body, or spirit by the Church: that they may experience healing from shame, isolation, anger, and despair, be listened to with compassion, and treated with dignity. Grant justice to their cause.

Leader God of all comfort

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who have been scandalized or discouraged by the Church: may they come to trust in Jesus as their only Savior and Advocate despite the tragic failures of the Church to love them as Christ commanded.

Leader God of all comfort
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those leaders and members of the Church who have harmed others: that they may experience sincere remorse, approach God with sorrow, and repair the damage they have caused.

Leader God of all comfort
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who failed to protect those entrusted to their care, particularly children and other vulnerable individuals: that they may humbly acknowledge responsibility for betraying the trust placed in them.

Leader God of all comfort
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For all those who advocate or care for those harmed by the Church: that their words and actions may be instruments of healing for those they accompany. Protect them from discouragement and despair when healing and justice are slow to come.

Leader God of all comfort
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For our Church's leaders: that they might be on guard against using deceit, insincerity, and slander to preserve their image, their position, or the Church. Break down all walls of defensiveness and soften all hardness of heart. May our shepherds be known for their wisdom, humility, and gentleness.

Leader God of all comfort
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the whole Church; increase our faith that Christ is refining and upholding his Church so that we might renew our commitment to our congregation, or be rooted in a local church, and serve our neighbors, particularly those who are marginalized.

Leader God of all comfort
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

A priest will first confess on behalf of the Church using these words:

*Confession is a time to
tell the truth about
ourselves and our world,
aloud and in one voice.
Having confessed our
sins, we are then
assured of God's
forgiveness.*

Most Merciful God: on behalf of the church, I, your priest, confess these sins and seek forgiveness, mercy, and healing for the body of Christ, that she might offer a truer witness to your love and truth. Lord, in your mercy, hear these prayers.

On behalf of the church, I confess that we have mishandled abuse in our midst. We have created and tolerated environments conducive to the sins of others. We have sought the preservation of our reputation before the protection of your people. We grieve our mishandling of these sins and how we have compounded the pain of survivors and their loved ones, and obscured your goodness.

All **In your mercy, loving God, bring your light.**

On behalf of the church, I confess those times when we as your representatives have hurt your own daughters and sons, our sisters and brothers, while thinking we are being faithful to you and your church.

All **In your mercy, loving God, bring your light.**

On behalf of the church, I confess that we have focused much on some sins and little on others, leading many to believe that some sins are tolerable and that some are unforgivable.

All **In your mercy, loving God, bring your light.**

On behalf of the church, I confess that our preaching and teaching have not always reflected that you are Truth and Love for all people.

All **In your mercy, loving God, bring your light.**

On behalf of the church, I confess that we have sometimes been more concerned with our perceptions of right religion than helping others experience a relationship with you, the God who is the hope of the world.

All **In your mercy, loving God, bring your light.**

Where I am guilty of any of these sins myself, I, a priest and member of your church, confess them and ask for forgiveness.

And now, having confessed the sins of the Church, let us all now confess our sins together as one people of God:

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The priests and people then pray together for God's forgiveness:

All **Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Laying on of Hands & Anointing

You are invited to come forward or to pray silently in your seat. If you choose to come forward, the minister will anoint you, lay hands upon you, and pray the following words:

I lay my hands upon you and anoint you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our loving God give you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. May God relieve your suffering and restore you in body, mind, and spirit. May all of us in the frailty of our flesh know God's healing power. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands and Anointing concludes with the following Collect:

Leader May God who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the Name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have prayed for one another's healing by laying on hands and anointing with oil.

The Peace

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Song of Preparation

Jesus, Remember Me

Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me
When you come into your kingdom

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Having made our peace with God, we can now make peace with one another.

Holy Communion

The priest sets the table with the bread and wine. These gifts represent the labors of our common life, given back to God in worship.

Leader Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,
People **And of your own have we given you.**

The Sursum Corda

Sursum Corda means "lift up your heart" in Latin. We are invited to bring our whole selves into the story of the Eucharist.

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Leader Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Leader Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given 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."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Leader We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Fraction (Breaking of the Bread)

Leader Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.
People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy on us**
Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Have mercy on us**
Leader Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
People **Grant us Your peace**

Distribution of Communion

Leader Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

*All baptized Christians
are invited forward to
receive the bread and
wine. Gluten-free bread
and wine are available;
just ask your server.*

*If you do not wish to
receive communion,
please come forward
with your arms crossed
and we will pray a prayer
of blessing.*

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1. My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

2. What though my joys and comforts die?
I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

3. I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his;
How can I keep from singing?

Reprise:

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

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Be Thou My Vision

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always:

Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my vict'ry won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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The Prayer after Communion

Leader Let us pray

People **Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries, that we are living members of the body of your Son and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Concluding Words

The Blessing & Dismissal

Leader May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity, guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We receive a final blessing and are sent out into the world to do the work Jesus taught us to do in our ordinary lives.