

Morning Liturgy K/Prayers for Healing

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(We begin with a short time of silence).

Leader: Gracious God, if we came to your house, we would find the door open,

All: For there are no closing hours for the hospitality of heaven.

Leader: If we came to your house, we would hear many accents, ours just one among them.

All: For there is no favoured nation in the commonwealth of heaven.

Leader: If we came to your house, we would see people we never thought would be allowed in,

All: If entrance had been by merit rather than by your gracious invitation.

Leader: So as we gather in Jesus' name,

All: Let the characteristics you cherish become evident in all we do and share together.

Leader: Gather into one the glorious assortment of unlikes which is your true Church.

All: Reveal within this community what we must do, what we must hear, and who we must welcome if we are to know Jesus among us.

Leader: Let us pray: God give us grace to surrender our presumptions as to what we should be or do; and then amend our lives until we become the people you intend. **Amen.**

A reading from Scripture:

Leader: (*Before the reading*) Listen now for the voice of the Holy One.

(*After*) Heavenly words for earthly people. **Thanks be to God.**

(*An additional reading or reflection may follow, with a few moments of silence*).

Prayers

Leader: For those in physical pain or distress we pray for a holy healing that offers relief and restores life and hope. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Leader: For those who are troubled in mind, we pray for a holy healing that deals with memories as well as disorder, depression as well as dementia, stigma as well as isolation, and where people have been hurt by religion, we pray for the healing of faith. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Leader: For those who suffer fractured relationships, we pray for a holy healing that moves toward restoration; for the mending of souls injured by deceit or discrimination; for the ability to suspend judgement and listen with compassion, Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Leader: For our unsettled world we pray for a holy healing, for an end to hostilities and the building of bridges for peace; for an end to needless exploitation of precious natural resources, and the growth of reverence for our planet; for elected leadership that honours the human family and the life of the world. Lord hear us.

All: Lord graciously hear us.

*[Additional prayers of concern may be offered,
ending with **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**].*

Leader: Healing God, we entrust to you our prayers, spoken and unspoken, offered in trust and love. **Amen.**

Prayer of Healing for Ourselves: (said together)

Spirit of the living God, present with us now, heal us in body, mind and spirit, and free us from all that harms us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing prayers:

Leader: For all that God gives to us, we say

All: Thank you.

Leader: To all that God asks of us, we say:

All: Yes.

Leader: May God bless us all in our bodies with health;
In our minds with understanding,
In our souls with the company of the Holy Spirit;
That together we may produce a harvest of light
To the glory of Christ, whose flesh we are, whose name we bear, whose
love is all.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.