**Service of**

**Healing and Wholeness**

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During the service there will be several opportunities for healing prayer. You may be aware of the healing touch of Jesus in the music, prayers, silence and in the bread and wine. There will also be opportunities for:

LIGHTING A CANDLE

Lighting a candle is a visible sign of prayer. It is an ancient tradition reminding us the Jesus who is the Light of the world intercedes on our behalf with God.

Light a candle for someone you know who needs prayer, a departed love one, a situation in the news, or for yourself.

ANOINTING

Anointing with oil is an outward and visible sign of inward and invisible grace. It symbolises the healing power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The person administrating will make a sign of the cross with oil on your forehead and say a prayer.

PRAYER MINISTRY

In prayer ministry you briefly tell the members of the prayer team what, or who, you would like a prayer for. They will pray for you inviting Jesus into the situation through the Holy Spirit, They will pray for the Holy Spirit to bring healing and wholeness.

The members of the prayer team have been trained in this ministry. Prayer ministry is confidential, within certain guidelines.

Christian Healing is often a process rather than a one off event. This service may be a beginning.

If you would like to explore further prayer for healing then please speak to a minister to arrange for you to receive prayer support in confidence.

**The Gathering**

Please stand at the entry of Ministers

**Introit - Choir**

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| *The President says*  In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit  *All* **Amen.**  Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  *All* **And also with you.** |
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Welcome and notices with an explanation of the service

**HYMN**

*Prayer of Preparation*

***All* Almighty God,**

**to whom all hearts are open,**  
**all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**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.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

*A seasonal invitation to confession is used*

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick:   
Lord, have mercy.

*All*  **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners:   
Christ, have mercy.

*All*  **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us  
and bring us strength:   
Lord, have mercy.

*All*  **Lord, have mercy.**

*The President says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**The Collect**

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words ‘Let us pray’*

Heavenly Father,  
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit and with power  
to bring to us all 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.**

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| **The Liturgy of the Word**  **Readings** |  |

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading. At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord. *All* **Thanks be to God**.

**HYMN**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord**.

*At the end*

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

**Sermon**

**Creed**

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|  |  |  | **We believe in one God,**  **the Father, the Almighty,** |
|  |  |  | **maker of heaven and earth,** |
|  |  |  | **of all that is,** |
|  |  |  | **seen and unseen.** |
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|  |  |  | **We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,** |
|  |  |  | **the only 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.** |
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|  |  |  | **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 worshipped 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.** |

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Please kneel or sit*

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy *Or*Lord, Hear us *All* **Hear our Prayer.** *All* **Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father

*All* **Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**The 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**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

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| **Preparation of the Table**  **HYMN** |  |
| **The Eucharistic Prayer** |  |

The Lord be with you *All* **and also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God *All* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks that, taking upon himself our human nature, he shared our joy and our tears, bore all our sickness, and carried all our sorrows.  
Through death he brought us to the life of his glorious resurrection, giving for frailty eternal strength, and restoring in us the image of your glory.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and *singing:*

**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.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.Embracing our humanity,Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for all, he 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 supp**er he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is the 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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

*All.* **Christ has died;**

**Christ is risen;**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us in the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with John the Baptist, Bartholomew, St Michael and all angels, Saint Augustine, [N] and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*All.* **Amen**

*Please sit or kneel. There is a period of silence*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray,

*All* **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 for ever.**

**Amen.**

**The Breaking of the bread**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

*All* **we proclaim the Lord’s death**

**until he comes.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken*

*All* **Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

**Giving of Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The President and people receive communion.*

*Authorized words of distribution are used and the*

*communicant replies* **Amen.**

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

*There will be prayer stations, stations to have anointing with oil, and a station to light a candle.*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.*

God of all compassion,  
by the dying and rising of your Christ  
you restore us to yourself  
and enfold us in your love.  
May we who have been refreshed  
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation  
be renewed by your healing Spirit  
and made ready for the coming of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*All* **Father of all,**

**we give you thanks and praise,**

**that when we were still far off**

**you met us in your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,**

**gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life;**

**we who drink his cup bring life to others;**

**we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,**

**so we and all your children shall be free,**

**and the whole earth live to praise your name;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

*A hymn may be sung.*

*The President may use this blessing*

May God the holy and undivided Trinity  
preserve you in body, mind and spirit,  
and bring you safe to that heavenly country  
where peace and harmony reign;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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