



Prayers for Wholeness and Healing

St Aidan's Anglican Church

Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 6:30 pm

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*Silence is observed as we come into God's presence
(gentle music is played in the background).*

The Service is introduced and explained.

GOD CALLS

A Call to Worship

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

Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

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.

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

Sing to God, sing praises to His name:
and speak of all His marvelous works.

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

Silence may be kept.

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. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS

The Ministry of the Word and Prayer

Focusing on Jesus Christ

“...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith.” Hebrews 12:1b-2a

Let us still our hearts and minds and begin to focus on Jesus Christ. Let us fix our eyes on Him by breathing in and out simple prayers of God’s Words and promises, such as:

(Quiet music is played during these prayers)

Begin to let go and trust God; pray these verses:

Breathe In:

Be Still

Speak

The joy of the Lord

Let it be with me

Breathe Out:

and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)

for your servant is listening (1Sam 3:9-10)

is my strength (Neh 8:10)

according to your word (Luke 1:38)

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” *Isaiah 41:10*

“There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in His majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” *Deut. 33:26-27*

Note down anything the Lord has put on your heart:

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The Mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16b)

We begin to give our concerns and burdens to the Lord Jesus. One by one in quietness and confidence we cast our anxieties upon the Lord:

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.”

1 Peter 5:6-7

We bring to mind God’s Word and promises that counter our fears, our worldly thinking and help us think like Christ. If no such Words or promises come to mind simply pray asking that the Holy Spirit prays for you (with or without words) and ask the Lord Jesus to intercede for you:

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”
Romans 8:26-27

“Therefore He (Jesus Christ) is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”
Hebrews 7:25

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Life through the Holy Spirit

As we have begun to think like the Lord Jesus and trust Him let us now start to overcome by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) and the word of our testimony (Rev. 12:11). In Spirit led prayer let us put to death our thoughts, motives and actions that are not of God and receive life and peace in and through the Holy Spirit:

(Quiet music is played during these prayers):

“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”

Romans 8: 5-6

“...but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.”
Romans 8: 13b

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Lives led by the Holy Spirit

We now open our hearts, minds and spirits to hear what the Lord is saying to us and to receive what He wishes to give to us. The Holy Spirit will always lead to Christ and speak the truth in accordance with God's Word and promises.

Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you:

"For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."
Romans 8:14

Listen for His voice, not your own or another's:

"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognise the Spirit of God: every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God."
1 John 4:1-3

Receive what He gives:

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
John 10:10b

"He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing."
Luke 9:11

"Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me."
Psalms 30: 2

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free."
Gal. 5: 13

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."
Gal. 5: 22-23a

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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 forever. **Amen.**

GOD GIVES

Prayers of Penitence

Our prayers will have revealed matters to us that we need to confess and seek forgiveness and healing over:

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.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not holding our sins 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 for evermore. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

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

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. When we turned away from you in sin, your anointed Son took our nature and entered our suffering to bring your healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might become partakers of his glory.

His apostles anointed the sick in your name, bringing wholeness and joy to a broken world. By your grace renewed each day you continue the gifts of healing in your Church that your people may 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. Hear the prayer we offer for all your people. Remember in your mercy those for whom we pray: heal the sick, raise the fallen, strengthen the fainthearted and enfold in your love the fearful and those who have no hope.

In the fullness of time complete your gracious work. Reconcile all things in Christ and make them new, that we may be 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:

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

Individuals can come forward to the Altar in the Sanctuary and in the Chapel to receive laying on of hands and/or anointing using these or other suitable words. Prayer teams will also be available.

(Quiet music is played)

Laying on of hands:

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:

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.**

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GOD SENDS

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. **Amen.**

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

revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.

We have this treasure in earthen vessels

to show that the power belongs to God.

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

and also with you.

Go in the joy and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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