

HEALING SERVICE AND ANNOINTING OF THE SICK. (WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK.) PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, ST. PAUL'S DOVER AND ST. FINBARR'S AYLESHAM.

PERSONAL HEALING PRAYER BEFORE THE SERVICE:

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me. I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, to the world to save and to set me free. I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.

Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands, for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body, soul and spirit. Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet.

Cast out anything that should not be in me. Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish any damaged areas. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the power of Jesus' precious blood.

Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body will function the way you created it to function. Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest recesses of my heart.

Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy and peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life. And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to do your works so that my life will bring glory and honor to your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HEALING SERVICE.

- 1. OPENING HYMN (GUIDE O THOU GREAT REDEEMER. HYMN 156)**
- 2. WELCOME AND PENITENTIAL RITES**
- 3. OPENING PRAYER**

PRIEST: Almighty God, you are the only source of health and healing.
In you there is calm,
and the only true peace in the universe.

Grant to each one of us your children
an awareness of your presence,
and give us perfect confidence in you.

In all pain and weariness and anxiety
teach us to yield ourselves to your never failing care,
knowing that your love and power surround us,

trusting in your wisdom and providence
to give us health and strength and peace
when your time is best;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

4. LITURGY OF THE WORD

- FIRST READING

A reading from the book of James (*James 5:14-15*)

‘Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the presbyters of the Church and let these pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them.’

The Word of the Lord, ALL: Thanks be to God.

-RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (HYMN 405)

-GOSPEL- Mark 10:46-52

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD-/ PRAISE BE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST.

4. HOMILY

5. INTERCESSIONS: A BLESSING FOR THE SICK

PRIEST: Lord Jesus, when you were on earth, they brought the sick to you and you healed them all. Today I ask you to bless all those in sickness, in weakness and in pain.

DEACON: For those who are blind and who cannot see the light of the sun; the beauty of the world, or the faces of their friends:

ALL: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those who are deaf and cannot hear the voices which speak to them:

ALL: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those who are helpless and who must lie in bed with cancers of any kind; those who must face kidney and liver problems;

ALL: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those whose minds have lost their reason and those who are so nervous that they cannot cope with life, all those fighting mental illnesses;

ALL: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those who must face life under some handicap; those whose weakness means that they must always be careful:

ALL: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those suffering from debilitating or terminal illness and for their caregivers:

ALL: Bless your people, O Lord.

For those who are near the hour of death and in their final struggle:

ALL: Bless your people, O Lord.

PRIEST: Father, your only Son took upon himself the sufferings and weakness of the whole human race; through his passion and cross he taught us how good can be brought out of suffering. Look upon our brothers and sisters who are ill, whom we now remember in a special way. In the midst of illness and pain, may they be united with Christ, who heals both body and soul. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

6. ALL SIT IN SILENT PRAYER

7. HYMN: (BE STILL – HYMN 50)

8. ALL STAND AND PRAY TOGETHER:

PRAYER FOR HEALING OF BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT

Lord Jesus our healer, you invite all who are burdened to come to you. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with your compassion for others. Touch my heart with your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim your praise. Teach me to reach out to you in my need, and help me to lead others to you by my example. O Holy Spirit, heal me in body and mind that I may serve you with all my strength.

Touch gently this life which you have created, Now and forever. Grant us courage and compassion to hear, strength and passion to work for justice, and make our circle of solidarity a blessing to all who pine for wholeness and healing. Open our eyes to see and ears to hear; Give us wisdom to understand the signs of the times; Help us to be makers of peace in the home; Grant us simple faith like a child, and heal us so that we can heal others.

Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Heal every hurt in my heart. Those caused by others in my life and the hurts I have also caused in the lives of others. Restore every relationship that has been damaged and feel me with your divine freshness. Remove whatever bitterness that may be in my heart, and fill the empty spaces with Your love. In Jesus Holy Name we pray. Amen!

9. LAYING OF HANDS AND ANNOINTING

ALL COME FORWARD IN SILENCE FOR LAYING OF HANDS AND ANNOINTING.

The priest will lay his hands on the people's head in silent prayer and then anoint him/her on the forehead and the palm of each hand.

THROUGH THIS HOLY ANOINTING, MAY THE LORD IN HIS LOVE AND MERCY HELP YOU WITH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. MAY THE LORD WHO FREES YOU FROM SIN, SAVE YOU AND RAISE YOU UP.

10. SILENT PRAYER

BENEDICTION:

11. ALL KNEEL:

Adoremus in aeternum sanctissimum Sacramentum.

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes: laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus:
et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri, Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio,
et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Adoremus...

12. RECESSIONAL HYMN (HYMN 39. AVE MARIA)

