

A Service of Healing

October 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.



Service from the Book of Occasional Services, 2018

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who come seeking your healing grace for themselves or others. Give them patience and hope in their distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant, by your intervention, that all your people may be made whole according to your desire, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

A Reading from Proverbs 3: 1-2, 5-8

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119: 153-156, 169-175, read in unison

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153. Behold my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

154. Plead my cause and redeem me; according to your promise, give me life.

155. Deliverance is far from the wicked, for they do not study your statutes.

156. Great is your compassion, O Lord; preserve my life, according to your judgments.

169. Let my cry come before you O Lord; give me understanding according to your word.

170. Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise.

171. My lips shall pour forth your praise, when you teach me your statutes.

172. My tongue shall sing of your promise, for all your commandments are righteous.

173. Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your commandments.

174. I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.

175. Let me live and I will praise you, and let your judgments help me.

A Reading from Matthew 8: 5-16

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A Litany of Healing

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

[Names are read aloud and the people are invited to name those for whom they are interceding.]

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

Celebrant: Open us to your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death, and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says,

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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 priest says,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The minister prays,

N., I lay my hands upon you [and anoint you] in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, praying
you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power
of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The minister may add, in these or similar words,

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 Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Concluding Collect

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your
companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your
strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**