

18. *Prayers for healing (& anointing)*

*Those who want to pray for healing stand or kneel at the front of Church.  
Those who pray with them stand behind or in front of them and touch either  
their head or shoulder. The one praying may want to share their need with  
those gathered around them. When the person has prayed, they may be  
anointed on their hands with the Oil of Healing and those praying say:*

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

*The person praying for healing then may light a candle and be seated.*

*When all have prayed, together we say:*

**Lord, let us not dwell in the past, nor worry about the future.  
We cannot undo what is done,  
we cannot foresee what will come.  
Let us instead dwell in your peace,  
love and be loved, heal and be healed.  
We give the past to you and rest in your forgiveness.  
We give the future to you and rest in your love.  
We live in your light, open our eyes that we may see.  
We live in your love, let your love flow through us,  
to the fulfilment of your Kingdom.  
Amen**

19. *Hymn*

20. *Blessing & dismissal*

May God bless you.  
May you be holy and strong and creative  
May you know the joy of Jesus  
May you dance in the wildness of the Spirit's breath.  
May God's glory continue to grow in you,  
gently, powerfully, tenderly.  
May you be cradled in warmth and healing  
May you be held in God's wisdom and love.

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## Healing Service

1. *Introduction*

2. *Hymn*

3. *Reading: the Creation Story*

4. *Psalm 33:1-9*

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;  
It is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**Praise the Lord on a harp  
make music to him on the ten stringed lyre.**

Sing to him a new song; play skilfully and shout for joy.  
For the word of the Lord is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.

**The Lord loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,  
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

**He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;  
he puts the deep into storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the Lord,  
let all the people of the world revere him.

**For he spoke and it came to be;  
he commanded and it stood firm.**

5. *Reading: the Fall of Humankind*

6. *Hymn*

7. *Reading: God's unfailing love*

8. *Psalm 30*

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

**O Lord my God I called to you for help and you healed me.  
O Lord you brought me up from the grave;  
you spared me from going down into the pit.**

Sing to the Lord you saints of his;  
praise his holy name.

**For his anger lasts only for a moment,  
but his favour lasts a lifetime;**

weeping may remain for a night,  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**When I felt secure I said ‘I will never be shaken’  
O Lord, when you favoured me you made my mountain stand firm;  
but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.**

To you O Lord I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy  
‘What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?’

**Will the dust praise you?  
Will it proclaim your faithfulness?**

Hear. O Lord and be merciful to me;  
O Lord be my help.’

**You turned my wailing into dancing;  
you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.**

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

9. *Reading: Promised Restoration*

10. *Hymn*

11. *Reading: Promised New Life*

12. *Psalms 126*

When the Lord brought back the exiles to Zion,  
we were like men who dreamed.

**Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations  
‘The Lord has done great things for them’

**The Lord has done great things for us  
and we are filled with joy.**

Restore our fortunes O Lord, like streams in the wilderness.  
Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

**He who goes out weeping with seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with him.**

13. *Reading: The glory of the cross*

14. *Hymn*

15. *Reading: Union with Christ*

16. *Talk*

17. *Confession*

God with us, you know our captivity.

We pray for deliverance into your glorious freedom.

When we are inclined to sink into self-pity or self-righteousness,  
confront us with the life of the world  
in all its suffering and all its beauty,  
and release us into a longing for justice.

Lord have mercy on us.

**Christ have mercy on us**

When we are driven and relentless with ourselves and with others,  
tied up with pressures of time and money,  
release us through your generosity  
into a wider knowledge of value.

Lord have mercy on us.

**Christ have mercy on us**

When we prefer our own agendas,  
hurt others in the effort to impose our will,  
or chain ourselves to our fears,  
tumble us off the throne of our pride  
and release us into finding our worth in your love.

Lord have mercy on us.

**Christ have mercy on us**

**Through your cross,  
open us to your forgiveness for the harm we have done,  
open us to your healing for our deepest hurts,  
open us to your reconciling love drawing us together,  
enabling us to rebuild our lives and our communities,  
open us to your Spirit who leads us into truth. Amen.**