

A Celebration of Healing and Wholeness in a Service of the Word

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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.



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¶ *The Gathering*

The term 'President' refers here either to an ordained or lay service-leader. If the service is lay-led, it is appropriate to use the second form of absolution, to omit the anointing, including the prayer over the oil, and to replace the final blessing with 'The Grace' or another suitable closing prayer.

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

The Greeting

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

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

The Collect

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.**

¶ *The Word*

A Psalm, or a Psalm-based song may be used.

If this celebration takes place on a Sunday or Principal Festival the readings of the day are normally used. For other occasions Isaiah 55:1–3, 10–11, Colossians 3:14–17 or John 6:47–51 might be used.

At the end of each reading the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

¶ *Prayer and Penitence*

Prayers of Intercession are offered, which might be followed with

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 for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

Cast your burden upon the Lord
and he will sustain you.

In returning and rest
you shall be saved.

In quietness and trust
shall be your strength.

There follows a period of silent reflection and self-examination.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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.**

Or,

May the Father forgive *us*
by the death of his Son,
and strengthen *us*
to live in the power of the Spirit
all *our* days.

Amen.

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

¶ *Laying on of Hands and Anointing*

[Oil for anointing is brought before the president.]

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.]**

The laying on of hands is administered, using these or other suitable words

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 may be administered. The minister says

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.]**

After the laying on of hands [and anointing], the president says

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.**

¶ *The Dismissal*

A hymn or song(s) may be sung.

An ordained president may use the seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing, or

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Otherwise the following is used

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.