



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF SAINT MARY

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The Holy Eucharist

with Prayers for Healing and the Laying on of Hands

Thursdays at 12 Noon in the Chapel

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“Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”

The Letter of James (5:13-16, New Revised Standard Version)

We Gather in the Name of God

This service may begin as appointed for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, or with the Penitential Order, or with the following greeting:

Presider 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.**

Presider Let us pray.

Silence follows, then the Presider prays one of the following, or the Collect of the day.

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your Spirit, lift us, we pray, to your Presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or

God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving-kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit, who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The Lesson(s)

One or more lessons are read as appropriate. A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be used between lessons or before the Gospel, which is always read when there is Communion.

After the Lesson, the Reader concludes by saying

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
OR The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

As they are able, the People stand for the proclamation of the Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to [_____].

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel is concluded by saying

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Our Response to the Word

A homily, song, talk, dance, instrumental music, silence, etc. may follow the Gospel.

ONE OPTION: Dwelling in the Word – 3 readings of a Scripture with intention

1. After the first reading, what word or phrase catches your attention?
2. After the second, where does this passage touch your life today?
3. After the third, what does God want me to do or be? How is God inviting me to change?

We Pray for the World and the Church and for Ourselves

A Litany for Healing

The litany may be introduced with these or similar words

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

(The people offer to God the names of those in need, either silently or aloud.)

With faith and trust, let us offer our prayers for God's healing, as we say, "Hear our prayer."

Leader Holy God, source of health and salvation,
People *(response after each petition)* **Hear our prayer.**

- Holy and Mighty, wellspring of abundant life,
- Holy Immortal One, protector of the faithful,
- Holy Trinity, the source of all wholeness,

- Blessed Jesus, your Holy Name is a medicine for healing and a promise of eternal life,
- Jesus, descendant of David, you healed all who came to you in faith,
- Jesus, child of Mary, you embraced the world with your love,
- Jesus, divine physician, you sent your disciples to preach the Gospel and heal in your name,
- Jesus, our true mother, you feed us with the milk of your compassion,
- Jesus, Son of God, you take away our sin and make us whole,
- Jesus, eternal Christ, your promised Spirit renews our hearts and minds,

- Grant your grace to heal those who are sick, O God,
- Give courage and faith to all who are disabled, and to all those who await surgery, O God
- Shelter, relieve, and heal all sick children, O God,

- Strengthen those who endure continual pain, and give them hope,
O God,
- Restore those with mental illness to clarity of mind and hopefulness
of heart, O God,
- Comfort those who mourn and grieve over the pain of loss, O God,
- Give rest to the weary, give strength to care givers, and hold the dying in
your loving arms, O God,
- Help us to prepare for death with confident expectation and hope in
Resurrection joy, O God,

Hear our prayer, O Lord, as we say:

*ALL Jesus, Lamb of God; Jesus, bearer of our sins;
Jesus, redeemer of the world; have mercy on us.*

Our Confession of Need

Leader Let us confess our need for God's healing grace.

A period of silence follows, then all pray together.

*ALL Compassionate God,
we confess our weakness
and our need for your strengthening touch.
We confess that some illnesses stem from our own fault,
while others are beyond our control.
We turn to you, Source of Life,
and ask in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ
for the gifts of true healing and life in you. Amen.*

Presider

May the God of love visit you in your times of trial and weakness, and raise you to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Laying on of Hands (and Anointing)

Each person is invited to have hands laid upon her or his head and shoulders, and to be anointed with healing oil for themselves or on behalf of another in need.

Each one is encouraged to share her or his concern with the healing minister.

The following words, or others, may be used for the administration.

N., we lay hands upon you [and anoint you]. Receive Christ's gift of healing [especially for ___]. May the power of the Savior who suffered for you wash over you, that you may be raised up in peace and inward strength. **Amen.**

or this

N., we lay hands upon you [and anoint you] in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, praying that our Savior Jesus Christ will sustain you, drive away sickness of body and mind and spirit, and give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve and rejoice in God both now and evermore. **Amen.**

or this

N., we lay 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 Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*If Communion is not to follow, the Lord's Prayer is said now and then the Peace.
The Laying on of Hands may conclude with one of the following prayers.*

or this

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Child, Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

or this

Gracious God, only source of life and health: Help, comfort and relieve those for whom we pray, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs; that their weakness may be turned to strength and confidence in your loving care; for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

We Share in God's Peace: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet one another with the peace of Christ.

We Break Bread Together: The Great Thanksgiving

(EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 from Enriching our Worship)

Presider The Lord be with you.

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

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

This Preface or one appointed for the Day may be used

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say (sing):

***ALL Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves as a living sacrifice.

*ALL Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.*

In the fullness of time, bring us with Mary the God-bearer, (with _____) and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we say

ALL to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
(the contemporary form)

*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.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Behold what you are!
ALL May we become what we receive.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

This may be added Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**
or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

The Prayer of Thanks and Mission

ALL *Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us
with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed,
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

The Blessing

A blessing may be said over the people, such as one of the following

May the God who goes before you through the 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; may Christ be your clothing of light. And may the blessing of God almighty... **Amen.**

or this

May the One who creates and restores everything that is,
the One who is Mary's child and child of God,
the One who is the Holy Spirit;
may the One God of all bless and keep you,
grant you strength and peace, and fill your lives with joy. **Amen.**

or this

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road, and may the blessing of God almighty be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ [Alleluia, alleluia!]
ALL ***Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia!]***

All depart in the confidence of God's never-failing power and presence.