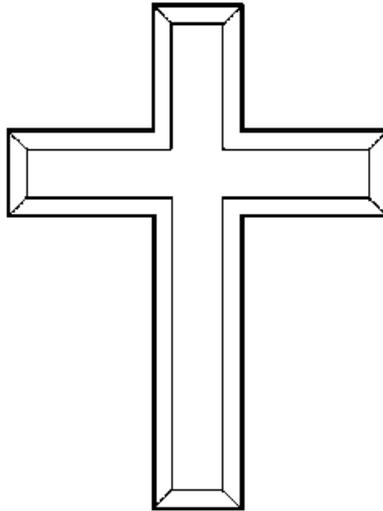


# Church of the Holy Cross



## Healing Service

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## Gathering of the People

*Leader* We gather here in your presence, God,  
*All* **In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**

*Leader* We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus  
*All* **and you know by experience what human life is like**

*Leader* We come with our faith and our doubts;  
*All* **we come with our hopes and our fears.**

*Leader* We come as we are, because you invite us to come;  
*All* **and you have promised never to turn us away.**

*Leader* Let us pray.  
*All* **In you gracious God, the widowed find a carer, the orphaned  
find a parent, the fearful find a friend.**

**In you, the wounded find a healer, the penitent find a  
pardoner, the burdened find a counselor.**

**In you, the miserly find a beggar, the despondent find a  
laughter-maker, and legalists find a rule-breaker.**

**In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our maker, and find our match.**

**And if some need to say "help me" and if some need to say  
"save me" and if some need to say "hold me" and if some need  
to say "forgive me" then let these be said now in confidence by  
us.**

(Silence)

**O Christ in whose heart is both welcome and warning, say to  
us, do to us, reveal within us the things that will make us  
whole.**

**And we will wait, and we will praise you. Amen.**

## The Readings

*At the end of the readings we say:*

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.**

## Conversation

### Prayers for Healing

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

*(People add their own petitions and names either out loud or in the silence of their hearts.)*

*Leader* Loving One, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

**All** **Hear us, O God of life.**

*Leader* 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.

**All** **Hear us, O God of life.**

*Leader* Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

**All** **Hear us, O God of life.**

*Leader* Bless physicians, nurses, rescue workers, therapists, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

**All** **Hear us, O God of life.**

*Leader* Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

**All** **Hear us, O God of life.**

*Leader* Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

**All** **Hear us, O God of life.**

*Leader* Let us pray:

**All** **God of compassion and love, we offer you all our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weakness, healing even when there is no cure, peace in the midst of turmoil, and love to fill the spaces in our lives. Glory to God, from whom all love flows, glory to Jesus who showed his love through suffering, and glory to the Holy Spirit, who brings light to the darkest places. Amen.**

*(The leader invites those who wish to receive the laying on of hands, and anointing, to come forward.)*

*The following is said:*

I lay my hands upon you (and anoint you with oil) in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace that you may know the power of his love. **Amen.**

*(When all have received the laying on of hand, the peace is shared.)*

*Leader*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All**                **And also with you.**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**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.**

## **Closing Prayer and Blessing**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.  
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.  
May we be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**