

CHRIST CHURCH

THIRD WEDNESDAY EVENING

HEALING / CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE



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WEDNESDAY EVENING HEALING

The Collect ~ For the Healing ~ BCP 260

(kneel or stand)

Officiant: Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Song: ~ *Insert*

Opening Responses

Officiant: Come to us this night, O God,

People: **Come to us with light.**

(Here a candle may be lit and placed centrally)

Officiant: Speak to us this night, O God,

People: **Speak to us your truth.**

(Here a Bible may be placed centrally)

Officiant: Dwell with us this night, O God,

People: **Dwell with us in love.**

(Here a cross may be placed centrally)

Song: ~ *Insert*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Officiant: Thanks be to you O Christ,

People: **For the many gifts you have bestowed on us,
Each day and night, each sea and land,
Each weather fair, each calm, each wild.**

Officiant: Each night may we remember your mercy given so gently and generously.

People: **Each thing we have received,
From you it came;
Each thing for which we hope,
From your love it will come;
Each thing we enjoy,
It is of your bounty;
Each thing we ask,
Comes of your disposing.**

Officiant: O God, from whom each thing that is, freely flows,

People: **Grant that no tie over strict, no tie over dear,
May be between ourselves and this world. Amen.**

The Word of God

Officiant: O God, as these words are read,

People: **In our hearts may we feel your presence.**

The Old Testament: 2 Kings 5:1- 4, 8-14 (NRSV)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Officiant: (following the lesson) The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God,
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
- ²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- ³He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
- ⁴He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
- ⁵Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
- ⁶The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Together: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen**

The Gospel: Mark 5: 26-35

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily – Father Mike

Song: "We Walk By Faith" ~ Hymnal 209

Affirmation of Faith

Together: **We believe, O God of all gods,
That you are the eternal God of life,
We believe, O God of all gods,
That you are the eternal God of love.**

Men: We believe, O God and Maker of all creation,
that you are the creator of the high heavens,
that you are the creator of the deep seas,
that you are the creator of the stable earth.

Women: We believe, O God of all the peoples,
that you created our souls and set their warp,
that you created our bodies and gave them breath,
that you made us in your own image.

Together: **We give you our worship
With our whole lives,
We give you our assent
With our whole power,
We give you our existence
With our whole mind,
We give you our kneeling
With our whole desire.**

Prayers of Concern and Thanks

Officiant: O Christ, kindle in our hearts within a flame of love
to our neighbor, to our foes, to our friends,
to our kindred all.

People: **O Christ of the poor and the yearning,
From the humblest thing that lives
To the name that is highest of all,
Kindle in our hearts within a flame of love.**

A period of intercessions, freely spoken or unspoken.

At the end of this time the following prayer will be said:

Officiant: We are placing our souls and our bodies
under your guarding this night, O Christ.

People: **O son of the tears, of the wounds, of the piercings,
May your cross this night be shielding all.**

Song: "Go Now In Peace"

Together: **Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

The Blessing

Officiant: Be the great God between our shoulders
to protect us in our going and our coming;
be the Son of Mary near our heart;
and be the perfect Spirit upon us pouring. **Amen.**

Benediction

“Now Unto Him”

~Jude 24-25; O. Wood

**Now unto Him who is able to keep,
able to keep you from falling,
And present you faultless
Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy;
To the only wise God our Savior,
Be glory and majesty,
Dominion and power
both now and forever. Amen**

Dismissal: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all ever.

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CHRIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

*Christ Church is a praying family of God seeking
to walk in Jesus' love as the Bible guides
and the Spirit leads.*

CHRIST CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

*Our vision is to engage with Christ
and our congregation
to spread God's promise of hope, peace, joy and love.*

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Welcome to all in the Name of Jesus.

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