

Morning Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

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Opening Hymn **Surely the Presence**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power and His grace
I can feel the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place**

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People together

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Officiant says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: O come, let us adore him.
Alleluia.

Christ our Passover *Pascha nostrum*

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22
All read together

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven,

neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once; *

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, *

but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ is risen from the dead, *

and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, *

by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Jubilate

See attached music and words

Psalm 41:1-4

Together

Blessed *is* he who considers the ^[a]poor;
The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
²The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive,
And he will be blessed on the earth;
You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.
³The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness;
You will ^[b]sustain him on his sickbed.

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

The Lessons

A Reading from Acts 4:23-31

Context: In Chapter 3 of Acts, Peter and John had just healed a man. In Chapter 4 they were arrested by Sadducees and temple guard and taken before the high priest and other leaders. When asked by what power this healing had been done, Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaimed Jesus Christ as his source. The High Priest and others didn't know what to do because the crowd had seen the miracle...so they threatened them and let them go.

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. ²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who ^[c]by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

'Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?
²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the LORD and against His Christ.'

²⁷ "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered

together ²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done. ²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Answer The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon Nunc dimittis

Luke 2:29 32
In unison

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
 according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
 which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,.
To be a light to the Gentiles,
 and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 9: 1-8

Context: Jesus has just calmed the storm on the sea of Galilee and then, continuing on to the other side of the sea of Galilee, he had healed two men that were demon-possessed.

Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. ² Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.”

³ At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, “This fellow is blaspheming!”

⁴ Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, “Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? ⁵ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk?’ ⁶ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “Get up, take your mat and go home.” ⁷ Then the man got up and went home. ⁸ When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.

The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

The Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Song of Preparation

Hide me Lord in Your holiness; every fear I now confess.

Praise to You forgiving Lord.

Hide me in Your holiness.

Hide me in Your holiness.

Officiant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrage A

The people respond with the bolded verse

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

From Max Lucado's *The Miracle in the Mess*

I ran my hand over the large rock and closed my eyes. What an incredible moment it was for me to stand where Jesus once stood in the Holy Land. I let the full reality of all He was facing fall fresh on me as I opened my Bible.

I challenged myself to read the uncommon scriptures. Too many times I highlight verses telling of Jesus' miracles but skim right past those telling of deeply human realities.

In Mark chapter 6 we see Jesus sending out the 12 disciples and as they preached, "*They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil*

and healed them,” (v. 13.) Miracle! But we also find earlier in verse 3b, “... *And they took offense at him.*”

We find Him having great compassion on the people who followed Him in the feeding of the 5,000. They all ate and were satisfied by five loaves and two fish. Miracle! But we also see that Jesus and His disciples were physically depleted, “*because so many were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat,*” (v. 31a). Messy realities tucked in the midst of miracles.

People laughed at Jesus. People rejected Jesus. People misunderstood Jesus. We know this in theory, but as I sat on that rock that day, I suddenly realized what an everyday reality this was for Him. And because this was a reality for Him, He is the perfect one to turn to when rejection is a reality for us.

He understands. He teaches us from that tender place of knowing this pain personally. And, best of all, He chose to do His miracles in the midst of messy realities. Remember this. Don’t get so consumed by and focused on the mess—the feelings of rejection, hurt, and disillusionment—that you miss the miracle.

Intercessory Prayer for Healing

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from the bodies of Your children all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your holiness and the power of Your Spirit to touch and heal:

Take away their suffering, illness and pain and may they be banished, and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,

and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Officiant

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely
more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from
generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20*

Closing Hymn **Open Our Eyes Lord**

**Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him, and tell Him we love Him
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus**

Attach Jubilate

Jubilate Deo

OXFORD CHANT

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G. J. ELVEY

Musical notation for Jubilate Deo 644, featuring two staves (treble and bass clef) with notes and rests.

A. H. BROWN

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W. RUSSELL

Musical notation for Jubilate Deo 645, featuring two staves (treble and bass clef) with notes and rests.

- O BE joyful in the LORD, all ye lands:
* serve the LORD with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the LORD he is God:
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
* we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
* be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;
* and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
* and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
* world without end. Amen.

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