

# **Christ Episcopal Church**

## **Dover, Delaware**

### **A Public Service of Healing**

#### **Opening Sentences**

Priest: The strength of God the Father, the peace of Jesus, and the guidance of the Spirit, be with you all.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Let us pray.

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

#### **The Readings**

#### **The Homily**

#### **A Litany of Healing**

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

*The People name silently or aloud those for whom they pray.*

A Person appointed then leads the Litany.

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and  
might have it more abundantly;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of  
your presence;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have  
our being;

*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick,  
injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

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;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

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

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to  
the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy  
and patience;

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

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

*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,  
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;  
*Hear us, O Lord of life.*

You are the Lord who does wonders:  
*You have declared your power among the  
peoples.*

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:  
*And in your light we see light.*

Hear us, O Lord of life:  
*Heal us, and make us whole.*

Priest: Gracious God, we give you thanks for your  
beloved Son 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.*

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins to God.

Priest and People:

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned  
against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have  
denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in  
the world you have created. We repent of the harm we  
have done, and the harm done on our behalf. Forgive,  
restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus  
Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only  
your will. Amen.*

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all  
your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you

in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **Laying on of Hands and Prayer for Healing**

Priest: I lay my hands upon you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with his grace, that you may know the healing power of His love. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

### **Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **The Holy Eucharist**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Priest: 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. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and 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:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is the one 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 to 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, a living sacrifice. 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 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, 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,

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 forever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*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**

Holy eternal Majesty,  
Holy incarnate Word,  
Holy abiding Spirit,  
Bless you for evermore. *Amen.*

## **The Dismissal**

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in Peace to follow the Good Road.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

## **Our Worship**

Sunday Services at 8 A.M. and 10 A.M. (Eucharist)  
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