

Service of Healing



GATHERING

(Pastor) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

WORD

FIRST READING:

A reading from 1 Kings 17:17-24 (*Elijah restores the widow's son to life*)

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I

know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.

Word of God, word of life.

(All): Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

SECOND READING:

A reading from James 5:13-16

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are 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. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore 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.

Word of God, word of life.

(All) Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

(Pastor): The holy gospel according to Mark 6:7, 12-13
(All) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

(All) Praise to you, O Christ.

A Hymn for Healing "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Refrain

***There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.***

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. ***Refrain***

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all." ***Refrain***

3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend. ***Refrain***

SERVICE OF HEALING



(Pastor): Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Prayers of Intercession

(Leader): Let us pray. Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

(Leader): Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

(Leader): Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints. Renew in us the grace of baptism,

by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

(Leader): Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

(Leader): Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

(Leader): Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

(Leader): Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.

In your great mercy,
hear us, O God.

(Pastor): God of great and abundant mercy, with your presence sustain all for whom we pray. Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope, and strengthen their trust in you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*All are invited to place oil on your forehead or
on top of your hands*



(Pastor): Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God. In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit.

Response: Amen.

(Pastor): Let us pray. Living God, through anointing with oil, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

The Lords Prayer:

(Pastor): Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Amen.

SENDING

(Pastor): The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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