



Saint Stephen's Episcopal
Church & School 

Healing Eucharist

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

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A Public Service of Healing

(Adapted from 'Enriching Our Worship 2')

The service begins in silence. Please take your seat in the Chapel pews in prayerful consideration of God's saving Grace and Love.

Gather in the Name of God

Celebrant The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant then says one of the following Collects

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing [especially N. and N., and all whom we name in our hearts], grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

or this

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

or this

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who come seeking your healing grace for themselves or others. Give them patience and hope in their distress; strengthen and uphold them in mind and body; and grant, by your intervention, that all your people may be made whole according to your desire, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Proclaim and Respond to the Word

The Lessons

The people are seated. One or two Lessons, as appointed, are read.

Reader A reading from _____.

After each reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand for the reading of the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

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

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

A shared homily is a form of congregational participation to invoke sharing of our own personal stories with the Gospel message. It is an invitation for the congregation to share with the preacher in relating Jesus' message to our common community. All are invited to participate.

A Litany of Healing

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

The people offer names either silently or aloud.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

People **Hear us, O Lord 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;

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

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

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

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

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

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

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

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

People **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Leader You are the Lord who does wonders:

People **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

Leader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

People **And in your light we see light.**

Leader Hear us, O Lord of life:

People **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with one of the following Collects

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

or this

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or this

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Celebrant then says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Anointing

The Celebrant invites persons seeking anointing to come forward to the altar rail, at which time they are to provide their name and any particular request for prayer. The minister then lays hands upon the person with prayer and anointing of oil. At the conclusion of unction the Celebrant prays

God of all mercy: help us who minister with the sick and dying to remember that though we may appear healthy, we, too, suffer from the universal human condition in a fallen world. Flesh withers, and we must all die to the life we know. Therefore, O God our help, teach us to be aware of our own infirmities, the better to make others understand they are not alone in their illness. Restore us all in the love of the holy and undivided Trinity, which is our true health and salvation. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Stephen, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we boldly pray
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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant These are the gifts of God, for you the People of God.

The Distribution of Communion

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant & People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the people with these or similar words

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

or this

May the One who creates and restores everything that is, the One who is Mary's child and child of God, the One who is the Holy Spirit, May this Holy One bring you compassion and peace, and bless your lives with joy. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. {Alleluia, Alleluia.}** *Said, except during Lent*

A Service of Healing

The Episcopal Church's understanding is that through the laying on of hands and the administering of the sacrament of unction (anointing of oil) God's healing grace is bestowed upon the sick and needy. This is so, with the full knowledge that God's healing and grace is available for all conditions of humanity. The emphasis of healing during the service by no means denotes a cure of particular ailments. Rather, healing signifies a restoration to wholeness for individuals seeking the sacrament of unction, and therefore maintaining and strengthening their relationship with God. God's healing of the sick in mind, body, and spirit is, and always will be, a mystery to humanity. And through the celebration of God's mysteries, we become participants in the divine, whether a cure is the ultimate outcome or not.