

ST. STEPHEN'S AND ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Thursday Service of Healing

THE SERVICE OF HEALING

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy,
and living God.

People ***Glory to God forever
and ever.***

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The grace 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

Gracious God, we commend to your loving care all who suffer, especially those who come here 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.

Celebrant may say the appointed Collect of the Day.

An appointed person will read the Lessons and Psalm.

A Litany of Healing

A Person appointed then leads the Litany

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

We praise and Thank you, O Lord

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured, 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, healthcare workers, and all others who minister to those suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

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.

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.

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

Celebrant

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

The People name those for whom they are interceding, either silently or aloud

A brief period of silence

Celebrant: Lets us pray

Celebrant: Open to us your healing power, O God. We entrust ourselves to your care, knowing that you are doing for us and for all the world far better things than we can ask or imagine. With you as our companion and guide, strengthen us to hope for all that is good, and to fear no evil. For your love is stronger than death and your faithfulness reaches to the heavens; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and to the ages of ages. ***Amen***

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

A brief period of silence

Minister 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 evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil 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.

Celebrant

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 may introduce the laying of hands and anointing with these words

O Lord, holy father, giver of health and salvation: Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify this oil; that, as your holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, so may those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction be made whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The celebrant may invite each person to be anointed to give her or his name and any request for prayer. The celebrant then lays hands upon the sick person and anoints the person, prays silently, and then prays aloud:

N., I lay my hands upon you and anoint you in the name of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, praying that you will be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the spirit. ***Amen***

And may the blessing, peace, exquisite care, and healing grace of God be with you on this day and on all days going forward. **Amen**

Concluding Collect

Celebrant

May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day, be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

***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.

Final Prayer, Blessing and the Peace

Celebrant

Let us pray together.

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly
present in the Blessed Sacrament
of the altar. I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.***

***Since I cannot receive you in the
Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.***

***Cleanse and strengthen me with your
grace, Lord Christ, and let me never be
separated from you. May I live in you,
and you in me, in this life
and in the life to come.***

Amen.

The Blessing

May God the Father bless you,
God the Son heal you,
God the Holy Spirit give you strength.
May God the holy and
undivided Trinity guard your body,
save your soul,
and bring you safely to his heavenly country,
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Celebrant

And now, with healing, let us go in
peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

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closed St. Stephen's and St. Gabriel's
continue to be here and strive to
connect with you!***