

ORDER OF SERVICE



**The Chapel of
Christ the Healer**

Foreword

Healing in the Christian tradition means ‘wholeness’ – and that is what the Church’s ministry of healing has always been about. In the New Testament, nine of ten lepers who met Jesus were cured – but one was ‘healed’. That was because he came to Jesus to say thank you’, and in that personal encounter his relationship with God was restored along with his physical condition. So entering into a closer relationship with God in Christ lies at the heart of Christian healing. But it doesn’t stop there. True healing also involves a new depth of closeness with oneself; with others; and with the environment in which we live. Along the way, bodily ailments may well be put right as well – or sometimes not, though exactly why some people should get ‘better’ physically while others do not when they are prayed for remains a mystery. That ‘prayer for healing’ has been a vital part of the Church’s mission from its very earliest days. It is not a substitute for God-given medicine and the work of doctors, but rather something complementary which adds the all important dimension of salvation. This is the kind of prayer which has been offered in the beautiful Monnaie Chapel for more than 60 years, and the lives of a very large number of people have been touched as a result. Of course there are many other centres for the Ministry of Healing, including Burrswood in Kent which has a significant and historic link with this chapel. So as lead Bishop in the Church of England for Health and Social care, and as patron of Burrswood, I am delighted to commend this lovely order of service in the hope that it will continue to be used for many years to come and bring the healing power of Christ to all who use it.

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Many prefer to keep the few minutes before the service begins as a period of silent prayer.

You may like to use some of the prayers below, which were compiled by the late Reverend Frank Drake.

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, great healer of our souls and bodies, we pray thee to be present with us in this our service today and to give hope and healing and life to those of us in need of thee. We welcome most lovingly into our hearts and into this service both those for whom we shall be praying and those who have passed from us into the fuller life.

Dear Father in heaven, we pray thee to bless this chapel in the future as thou hast blessed it in the past. Grant that it may increasingly become a power house for thy loving healing power and protect it from all vandalism both spiritual and physical. Grant that no discouragement or hindrance may ever be erected against those who come to seek thee here, and in the fullness of time, when we are gone, send those who shall love and serve this place as we have tried to do.

O God, we pray thee so to control the hearts and minds of all of us, and of all who visit here, that the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ himself may be able to continuously dwell in this place, so that through his presence here, the weak may receive strength, and those who have lost him, or maybe never known Him, may find the way to him and to eternal life.

In these things, Lord, hear my prayer.

§ The Gathering

Minister The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

The leader may say

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

or one or more of the following sentences:

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to Him:

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3.16

Hear what St Paul says:

This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1.1

Hear what St John says:

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 2.1

or a seasonal introduction to the confession.

Minister Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all people.

All **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly
with you, our God
Amen.**

Minister Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*, pardon and deliver *you* in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

All **O God, who has prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love towards you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Or the minister may say this, or the Collect of the day

Heavenly Father;
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to us all the blessings of your kingdom.
Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

§ The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Bible

The leader may offer a meditation or reflection on the reading or the season of the Church's year

The Prayers and Ministry of Healing

The following Litany of Healing may be used. Additional petitions, including names, may be included.

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

All **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

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

All **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

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

All **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

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

All **We praise and bless you, Lord.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

All **Hear us, 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.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

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

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

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

With you, Lord, is the well of life
and in your light do we see light.

All

Hear us, Lord of life:

All **heal us, and make us whole.**

Let us pray.

Minister Lord Jesus, when you walked the lanes of Galilee, not all the sick and suffering found their way into your presence. They were carried to you or their names were brought to you. So we, confident of your goodness, bring others to our heavenly Father through you.

Father God, you know the cure of every sickness and the needs of every soul. May your grace be known in us and through us, despite our unworthiness.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Minister We ask your blessing on all who tend the sick, counsel the distressed, sit alongside the dying or engage in medical research, that in caring for your people they may meet and serve you.

We pray for all those who rely on the care and support of the staff of Les Bourgs Hospice, the Bulstrode Oncology Unit and the residential and nursing homes in Guernsey; for patients, their carers and relatives.

We pray for all those who are responsible for health and social care in this Island; for the medical, nursing, professional and support staff in the medical practices, the Princess Elizabeth Hospital and the Medical Specialist Group, that they may value human worth and serve the people of this community. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Those for whom prayer has been asked are named.

Minister Father, hear our prayers and look upon those whom we name before you because we know that they need your care. Let your love be known in the touch and care of friends.

Lord, say the word:

All **And we shall be healed.**

Minister We remember before you all those who are in pain. We pray for those whose suffering has caused them to lose sight of your love and any sense of their own worth.

Lord, say the word:

All **And we shall be healed.**

Minister Father, we remember before you those whose illness is physical. We remember also those who suffer from mental illness and psychological disturbance. We pray for those who are anxious and depressed; for those

who do not know what is wrong or what to pray.
Lord, say the word:

All **And we shall be healed.**

Minister Father, we remember before you those for whom light
has turned to darkness, for those grieving for the death
of loved ones or the brokenness of human
relationships.

Lord, say the word:

All **And we shall be healed.**

Minister We pray for others whose needs we do not know,
whose names we do not speak but whom we hold
before you in the silence of our hearts.

Lord, say the word:

All **And we shall be healed.**

A period of silence follows.

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.

All **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands

The Laying on of Hands is administered using these or other suitable words

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,
receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole. May
Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit,
deliver you from every evil and give you his peace.

All **Amen.**

After the Laying on of Hands

Minister The almighty Lord, who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him, whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey, be now and evermore your defence.

May you believe and trust that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

§ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand.

The minister says either of the following or other suitable words.

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come has given us the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

These words may be added

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

Either And now we give you thanks
that you have shown the greatness of your
love for us by sending him to share our
human nature and accomplish our
forgiveness. He embraces us in our
weakness, he suffers with the sick and the
rejected and, bringing your healing to the
world, he rescues us from every evil.

Or And now we give you thanks
that through him the sick are healed:
the blind regain their sight,
the deaf hear, the lame walk,
and the outcast are brought home;
the poor receive good news
and the dead are raised to life.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All sit or kneel

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ and as we follow his example
and obey his command, grant that by the power of your
Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness
of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his
mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

One of these acclamations is used

All [Great is the mystery of faith:]
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Or

All [Jesus Christ is Lord:]
Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

All **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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Minister breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

All We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion

Minister Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The following prayer may be said

All **We do not presume to come to this your table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness, but in your
manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs
under your table.
But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to
have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of
your dear Son, Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.
Amen.**

We welcome at this altar all who are communicant members of Christian Churches. Those who are not communicants may come to the altar for a blessing, bringing this booklet with them as an indication that they are not receiving Holy Communion.

The minister and people receive the communion. Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies.

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

The minister says a prayer, after which all say

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and the blood of your son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The Minister may say this or the appropriate seasonal blessing.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The Minister and people depart.

Coffee is served in Les Canards after the service.

Do join us, you will be most welcome.

§ Supplementary texts

Anointing

If Anointing is to be administered, oil may be brought before the Minister.

Minister Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All **who keeps his promise for ever.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
All **who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

Minister Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.
Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in
weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and
death that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest
on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;
may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,
restored in your image, renewed in your love,
and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
we lift our voices of thanks and praise:

All **Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Anointing may be administered

Minister *N*, I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life.
Receive Christ's forgiveness, his healing and his love.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
grant you the riches of his grace,
his wholeness and his peace.

All

Amen.

Additional Eucharistic Prefaces

For general use

And now we give you thanks
because you call us out of darkness into your
marvellous light,
and by the power of your redeeming love you make us
whole,
that we may be the first fruits of your new creation.

And now we give you thanks
that, taking upon himself our human nature,
he shared our joy and our tears,
bore all our sickness,
and carried all our sorrows.
Through death he brought us
to the life of his glorious resurrection,
giving for frailty eternal strength,
and restoring in us the image of your glory.

*For use in particular sickness
(especially when the sick have been anointed)*

And now we give you thanks
because you provide medicine to heal our sickness,
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
anointing us with your healing power
so that we may be the first fruits of your new creation.

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