



ST MARY ABBOTS PARISH CHURCH  
KENSINGTON

# HEALING EUCHARIST

*with Laying on of Hands and Anointing*



*For those seeking healing for themselves or for others*

*A very warm welcome to St Mary Abbots for this Healing Eucharist, as we come together to give thanks for the saving work of Christ in the Eucharist, and to bring before God those in need of prayer and healing.*

*From the earliest days of the Church, prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing with oil have formed part of Christian ministry and reveal an outworking of the presence of the Spirit in the life of the Church. St James wrote in his Epistle, "Are 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." (James 5:14)*

*We invite you to join us today as we especially pray for those who seek healing in body, mind or spirit. You are warmly invited to receive the laying on of hands and the anointing, whether for your own healing and strengthening, or for others known to you. Equally, you are very welcome to share in the prayer and the Holy Eucharist, whether or not you wish to come forward for anointing.*

*We pray that you will find peace and wholeness in this service.*



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## The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*        **Amen.**

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

*All*

*At Eastertide:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen

*All*        **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Welcome and introduction

*Preparing to worship*

*All*        **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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.**

## Invitation to Confession

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:

## Confession

*We sit or kneel and keep silence, remembering our sins*

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick:

Lord, have mercy.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

*All*      **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us  
and bring us strength:

Lord, have mercy.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

May almighty God have mercy upon you,  
+ forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life.

*All*      **Amen**

## The Collect

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 forever.

*All*      **Amen.**

*We sit for*

## The Reading

*A reading from either the Old Testament or New Testament is read*

*At the end*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*           **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

## The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

*All*           **Alleluia**

The Lord be with you

*All*           **And also with you**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

*All*           **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Gospel Reading

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*           **Praise be you, O Christ.**

*We sit for*

## The Reflection

*A homily may be preached or music played*

## Prayers of Intercession

*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.

*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.**

## The Laying on of Hands and Anointing

*We invite those who wish to receive the laying on of hands and anointing to come forward.*

*If you do not wish for this yourself you still have an important part to play in this section of the service. We invite you to remain quietly in prayer holding before God those who are receiving the laying on of hands and being anointed, those known to you who need our prayer and those on our weekly prayer list who are sick.*

*At the Laying on of Hands, the priest says:*

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. **Amen**

*At the Anointing, the priest says:*

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.**

*When all have been anointed, we offer this prayer:*

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 Peace

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 the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We greet each other in Christ's peace with the words 'Peace be with you'.*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*All*        The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks  
in sickness and in health, in suffering and in joy,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer,  
who as the Good Samaritan  
tends the wounds of body and spirit.  
He stands by us and pours out for our healing  
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope,  
turning the darkness of our pain  
into the dawning light of his kingdom.  
And now we join with saints and angels  
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread,  
gave it to them and said: Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them  
and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin (*St ..*) and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

*All*        **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*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.**

## Agnus Dei

*All*        **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
*All*        **Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## The Communion

*Whatever church you belong to, if you are baptised and normally receive communion you are welcome to do so here.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing please come up holding this order of service.*

## The Prayer after Communion

God of all compassion, by the dying and rising of Christ  
you restore us to yourself and enfold us in your love.

May we who have been refreshed  
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation  
be renewed by your healing Spirit  
and made ready for the coming of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*        **Amen.**

*All*        **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and 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 Blessing and Dismissal

*All* The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

May God the holy and undivided Trinity  
preserve you in body, mind and spirit,  
and bring you safe to that heavenly country  
where peace and harmony reign;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*All* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Amen**

*In Eastertide:*

*All* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ.**  
**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*After the service, please stay and join us for refreshments in the church.  
If you are new to our community, please come and say hello to the clergy.*

*This Healing Service is normally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at St Mary Abbots. We hope that you will join us again for this service and also encourage friends and neighbours to attend if they wish.*

While worship lies at the heart of the church, much of our work is focused on serving our community, maintaining our historic buildings and implementing our Mission Action Plan of Welcome, Discipleship and Outreach. We are grateful for any donation that you can make towards the work and the upkeep of this church.

