



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS PERSHORE

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Wholeness and Healing

The all-important aim in Christian healing is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality, but the reality in our lives which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, to everything we are.

Welcome and Introduction

We worship together in the name of God

Who knows each of us by name

We worship together in the name of Christ

Whose touch brought healing for forgotten people

We worship together in the name of the Holy Spirit

Who has promised to stay with us, to sustain and restore us.

Prayers of Penitence:

Jesus said, 'Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.'

Let us accept His invitation as we turn to him in prayer:

You know us, Lord, we do not have to pretend with you.

**In the silence of your love, we bring you all the things that trouble us,
that harm us, that make us feel ashamed or afraid.**

Silence

Lord, have mercy on us

Christ, have mercy on us

Lord, have mercy on us

God of compassion, you know us inside out, yet you love us; you know the worst in us and the best in us. May your deep love drown all our failings, may your tears wash away our sin; may your living water well up in us and renew our spirit. As we are forgiven so may we forgive others and reach out to be reconciled in your love. In the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen

Hymn

(tune: Moscow)

1.Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2.Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

3.Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4.Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

(John Marriott 1780-1825)

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Mark 1 : 21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and

crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed and kept asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A Reading from Acts 10 : 36-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him, that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn

(David J. Evans b.1957)

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;

he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Litany of Healing

Giving thanks for any healing we or others have received strengthens everyone's faith and hope:

Loving God, we give you thanks for health restored and prayers answered.

Praise to you, O Christ.

And now we turn to God in prayer for all those ongoing situations:

God of compassion and love, we offer you all our suffering and pain. Give us strength to bear our weakness; healing even when there is no cure; peace in the midst of turmoil and love to fill the spaces in our lives.

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them:

May they know the deep peace of Christ

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit and all those who care for them:

May they know the deep peace of Christ

Loving God, we hold in your presence the suffering people of the world and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence:

May they know the deep peace of Christ

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome abuse or addiction, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those they love:

May they know the deep peace of Christ

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement and we also pray for those who have died:

May they know the deep peace of Christ

We pray for all those known to us who have asked for our prayers:

Lord, you know the needs of each one of us, our strengths and our weaknesses, our hopes and disappointments. We commend to your loving care all those we now name in our hearts and who have asked for our prayers. Guard them as the apple of your eye, hide them under the shadow of your wings. Show them your merciful love, in health or in sickness, in life or in death. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

Almighty and most merciful God, Father of all creation, we offer up our prayers to you at this time of uncertainty and we ask that your will be done here on earth. We give you thanks in the sure and certain hope that you will never leave us or forsake us. We lift to you all who are weary, all who are hungry, all who are oppressed, all who are excluded, all who are suffering in mind, body or spirit – may your love surround and protect them and may they know your peace. Amen

Hymn

(Jacques Berthier 1923-1994)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices: the Lord is near,
lift up your voices: the Lord is near.

(repeat 3 more times)

The Thanksgiving

God of all goodness, we thank you for helping us so far through this crisis, for holding us through tears and sorrow, for lifting us when we were down. God of all wisdom, we thank you for all that we are learning and discovering, about ourselves, our neighbours, our communities through these uncertain times.

God of all creation, we thank you for the fertility of the natural world, for the possibility of new growth and new life, and we pray that you will

help us to live in a way that is sustainable and respects the life of every individual. Amen

Hymn

(tune: Melody Green)

1. There is a Redeemer
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.

*Refrain: Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit
till the work on earth is done.*

3. When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King forever,
in that holy place.

(arr. Christopher Tambling)

The Blessing

God of compassion, we bring to you our grieving:
bless us with your healing love.

God of wisdom, we bring to you our learning:
bless us with the energy of change.

God of new beginnings, we bring to you our future;
bless us with your vision of eternal life.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and forever.

Let us go out into the world in the joy and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**