



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS PERSHORE

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020

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

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from Psalm 65 : 1- 5

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

For the word of the Lord - Thanks be to God.

Hymn

(tune: from Piaie Cantiones' 1582 arr. Andrew Moor)

God is love: let heaven adore him;

God is love: let earth rejoice;

let creation sing before him

and exalt him with one voice.

He who laid the earth's foundation,

He who spread the heavens above,

He who breathes through all creation

He is love, eternal love.

God is love and he enfoldeth

all the world in one embrace;

with unfailing grasp he holdeth

ev'ry child of ev'ry race.

And when human hearts are breaking

under sorrow's iron rod,

then they find that self-same aching

deep within the heart of God.

God is love: and though with blindness

sin afflicts the human soul,

God's eternal loving kindness

guides and heals and makes us whole.

sin and death and hell shall never

o'er us final triumph gain;

God is love, so love for ever

o'er the universe must reign.

(Timothy Rees 1874-1939)

A reading from Philipians 4 : 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of the Lord – Thanks be to God

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

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 2 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: Ode to Joy arr. Christopher Tambling)

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children,
Praise the Lord, all people praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!

(Timothy Dudley-Smith b.1926)

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.