



**Online service of  
Healing and Wholeness**

**Whether you here for the first time or are a regular member of St Mary's, we warmly welcome you to this service.**

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Healing, reconciliation and restoration are integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. For this reason prayer for individuals, focused through laying on of hands or anointing with oil, has a proper place within the public prayer of the Church. God's gracious activity of healing is to be seen both as part of the proclaiming of the good news and as an outworking of the presence of the Spirit in the life of the Church.

**While it is not possible to lay on hands or anoint with oil online, we are able to gather together in God's presence, to pray for one another, those for whom we would pray, and for ourselves. Please contact Revd James ([revdjames@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:revdjames@stmarybarnes.org)) if you would like someone (yourself and/or others) named. You may alternatively want to contact Revd James asking him to pray confidentially and not at the service.**

It is apparent in Scripture that the physical, emotional, social and spiritual well-being of human beings are closely interconnected. Christ's work of reconciliation extends beyond the purely personal and relational to the social order and the whole creation (cf Colossians 1.15-27). The Gospels use the term 'healing' both for physical healing and for the broader salvation that Jesus brings. A common New Testament term for sickness is 'weakness' (*asthenia*) (Luke 5.15; 13.11,12; John 5.5); it carries broad associations of powerlessness and vulnerability, including human vulnerability in the face of the dominion of sin and death (Romans 5.6; 8.3). As Christians face weakness, they receive God's grace, expressed sometimes in an experience of healing and sometimes through the strength that comes in the bearing of weakness (2 Corinthians 12.9)

*You may wish to light a candle (safely) to remind you of Christ's presence.  
Please join in at home by saying the words in bold*

## **Preparation**

**All** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
**Amen.**

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

*An introduction to the service is given*

**All** We meet in the presence of God  
**who knows our needs,**  
**hears our cries,**  
**feels our pain,**  
**and heals our wounds.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

Leader: We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

*a short period of silence in which to reflect*

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair:  
Lord have mercy.  
**All** **Lord have mercy.**

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness:  
Christ have mercy.  
**All** **Christ have mercy.**

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying:  
Lord have mercy.  
**All** **Lord have mercy.**

## **Prayer of Forgiveness**

Leader: May the God of love and power  
forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,  
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,  
and raise *us* to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## The Collect

Leader: Heavenly Father,  
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ  
with the Holy Spirit and with power  
to bring to us 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.**

## A Reading from Scripture

### Address

*Followed by silence and/or music for contemplation*

### Prayers of Intercession

Leader: Let us pray;

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
we make our prayer to you saying,  
Lord hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant to all who seek you  
the assurance of your presence, your power and your peace.  
Lord hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant your healing grace to all who are sick,  
that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit.  
Lord hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Grant to all who minister to the suffering  
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.  
Lord hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Sustain and support the anxious and fearful  
and lift up all who are brought low.

Lord hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

Hear us Lord of life:

**All Heal us and make us whole.**

*A period of silence for private prayer may be kept.*

Leader: 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 forever.

**All Amen.**

### **Prayers for Healing**

*Rev'd James will pray for those names have been given and  
this is also a time in which you may pray for others known to  
you alone.*

*Music may be played during this time.  
These or similar words may be used:*

N, 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.

**Amen.**

Leader Let us pray;

Sovereign God, you are gentle and merciful.  
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 become partakers of his glory.  
Remember in your mercy all for whom we pray;  
and in the fullness of time complete your gracious work  
that we may be restored in your image, renewed in your love,  
and for ever praise your great and holy name.

**All Amen.**

Leader: As we look for the coming of the kingdom, so we pray:

**All**      **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
**and forget not all his benefits;**

Who forgives all your sins;  
**and heals all your infirmities;**

Who redeems your life from the Pit;  
**and crowns you with faithful love and compassion.**

## **Final Blessing**

*This or other words of blessing will be used*

May God keep you in all your days.  
May Christ shield you in all your ways.  
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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