

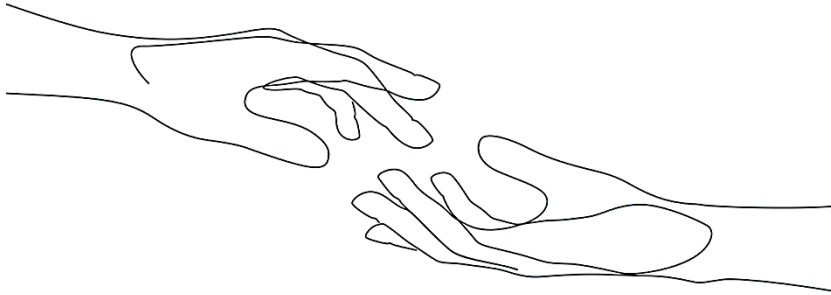


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Gather, inspire and equip people to participate in God's global mission.

2023 GEMN Global Mission Conference

Mission: Journey into Healing



Liturgies for Worship Services

Wednesday to Friday, May 3-5, 2023

“O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!”

Psalm 96:9

Liturgies have been designed by GEMN Board member the Rev. Paul Rajan of the Diocese of Newark. Resources from the Church of South India and the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand have been used in addition to those of the Book of Common Prayer.

Day 1 - Wednesday, May 3, 2023 – 1 PM
Inaugural Worship

Worship Theme: Healing in God's Mission

Please observe silence to prepare the mind and heart for worship.

Minister:

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalms 113:3

God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. I John 1:5, 7

Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before his presence with singing. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving; and into his courts with praise. Be thankful to him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations. Psalms 100: 2, 4, 5

ADORATION OF TRINITY

Minister: O Lord, open our lips:

People: And our mouths shall sing forth your praise.

Minister: Holy are you, O God

People: Holy are you, O God

Minister: Holy are you, O Almighty

People: Holy are you, O Almighty

Minister: Holy are you, O Immortal

People: Holy are you, O Immortal

Minister: O Lord, our Redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us:

People: O Lord, our Redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us:

Minister: O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us:

People: O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us:

Minister: O Lord, accept our prayers and praises and have mercy upon us.

People: O Lord, have compassion and mercy upon us.

CONFESSION

The minister may read the following verses from the Bible:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 8-9

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." Luke 15: 18-19

For we do not have a high Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4: 15

The minister and people then say, after a period of silence:

Gracious God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed: we have not loved you with all our hearts; we have not loved our

neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we ask you, cleanse us from our sins, and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Minister: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission for all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also be with you.

The Collect

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

O Compassionate God, you neither break a bruised reed nor snuff out a smoldering wick, and you heal all our diseases. We pray that you sustain us through our difficult times, heal our sicknesses, and give us a loving heart, listening ears, and praying lips to channel your healing. So that our health would be restored and we would praise you, walking and jumping. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. *Amen.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 103 *responsively or antiphonally*

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *

- and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gospel – Matthew 4

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. 24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. 25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the people of the Diocese of Soroti in the Anglican Church of Uganda.

We pray for our suffering sisters and brothers in all parts of the world where there is violence and oppression.

Global Mission Cycle of Prayer

Today, on the third day of the month, we pray for Bexley Seabury Seminary, as it orients students to global mission; Bridges to Pakistan in its companionship with the Diocese of Peshawar; the Diocese of California's Companion Diocese Commission; and Caravan, an arts mission in interfaith understanding.

Silence

For whom or what else, shall we pray? (*Intercessions and thanksgivings may be added aloud or silently.*)

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for all who work in various missions around the world, and those we name now.

..... [Pause]. We most humbly beseech you, of your goodness, healing, comfort, protection and many blessings. **Amen.**

***Together:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!



**Day 2 - Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 8.30 AM
Morning Worship**

Worship Theme: Healing Mission Relationships Post-Pandemic

Please observe silence to prepare the mind and heart for worship.

All Stand and the Minister says: Let us worship God.

Minister: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Minister: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

People: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and who do not swear deceitfully.

Minister: Jesus said, Come to me, all you weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

People: I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

The minister says: Almighty God, we have come into Your presence to offer You, through our Lord Jesus Christ, our worship and thanksgiving.

Help us to make a true confession of our sins and to pray for others as well as for ourselves. Grant that by our listening to your holy Word, we may know more truly the greatness of your love and show forth in our lives the fruits of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CONFESSION

Minister says: The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

The minister then says: Let us confess our sins in silence.

After this, all say:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

The minister: Grant, we ask you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also be with you.

The Collect

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God, who inspired Luke the physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son; grant that the same power and love may always be present in your Church to heal and comfort the sick for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. *Amen.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 41

- 1 Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! *
the Lord will deliver them in the time of trouble.
- 2 The Lord preserves them and keeps them alive,
so that they may be happy in the land; *
he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.
- 3 The Lord sustains them on their sickbed *
and ministers to them in their illness.
- 4 I said, "Lord, be merciful to me; *
heal me, for I have sinned against you."
- 5 My enemies are saying wicked things about me: *
When will he die, and his name perish?"
- 6 Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; *
their heart collects false rumors;

they go outside and spread them.

7 All my enemies whisper together about me *
and devise evil against me.

8 "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; *
he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

9 Even my best friend, whom I trusted,
who broke bread with me, *
has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

10 But you, O Lord, be merciful to me and raise me up, *
and I shall repay them.

11 By this I know you are pleased with me, *
that my enemy does not triumph over me.

12 In my integrity you hold me fast, *
and shall set me before your face forever.

13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, *
from age to age. Amen. Amen.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Holy Gospel – Luke 10

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

5 “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ 6 If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. 8 “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. 9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,**

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Brothers and sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free from sins, might live in righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying, “Revive our souls, *and guide us along the right pathways.*”

Guardian of our souls, call your Church to greater righteousness. Help us to live by your example and follow in your ways.

Presider: Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those who are troubled. Feed their souls and bodies with your good and generous gifts.

Presider: Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full of places to find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you care deeply for all you have made.

Let us add our thanksgivings now. . . .

Presider: Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you desire the goodwill of all the people. Give us generous hearts and open hands.

Presider: Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, it is your presence that comforts us. Make your presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the fearful and the weak.

Let us add our petitions now. . . .

Presider: Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your eternal home.

Presider: Revive our souls,

People: And guide us along right pathways.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the people of the Diocese of Southwark in the Church of England (Canterbury Province).

We pray for our suffering sisters and brothers in all parts of the world where there is violence and oppression.

Global Mission Cycle of Prayer

Today, on the fourth day of the month, we pray for the Center for Anglican Communion Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary; the Diocese of Central Ecuador's missional relationships with the dioceses of Upper South Carolina, Long Island, Indianapolis, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and Atlanta; the Diocese of

Central Florida's mission relationships with Honduras and Sao Paulo Mercy Ministry; and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

Silence

Together: **Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness, we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen**

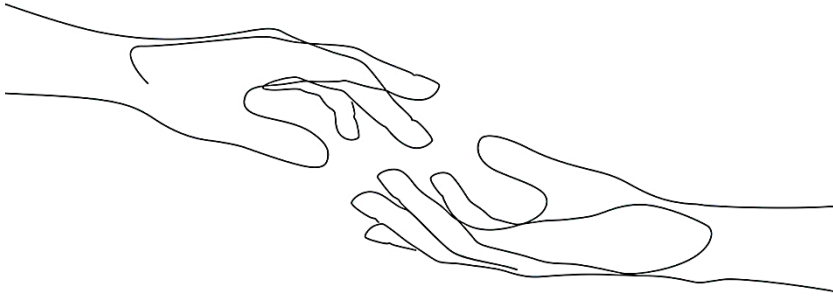
The Dismissal

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Leader: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**





**Day 2 - Thursday, May 4, 2023 – 5.50 PM
Evening Devotion**

Worship Theme: Healing in Medical Mission & Public Health

Please observe silence to prepare the mind and heart for worship.

Minister says: Let us worship God.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad. Let the sea roar and all that fills it; Let the fields exult, and everything in it. Then shall the trees of the wood, sing for joy before the Lord, For he comes to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

ADORATION

Minister says: O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive: Receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pity of your great mercy loose us; for the honor of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The following will be said responsively

O praise God in his holy place,
Praise God in the sky our tent.

Praise God in the earth our dwelling place,
Praise God for his mighty works.

Praise God for his marvelous power,
Praise God with the beating of drums.

Praise God with the flute and cymbals,
Praise God in the rhythm of dance.

Praise God in the clapping of hands,
Praise God in the stamping of feet.

Praise God in the singing of chants,
Praise God with the gushing of our great rivers.

Praise God with the music of the wind,
Praise God with the swaying of tall trees.

Praise God, the One on whom we lean and do not fall;
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

The minister: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

The minister: Merciful God, we confess that we forget the purpose of being created in your image, to make *shalom* on the earth in our respective places and in our responsibilities.

People: Forgive us, O Lord.

The minister: Savior God, we confess that many times we do not live together in unity. We divide ourselves from others in many ways, in the name of race, gender, color and creed. We forget that you came to this world to establish a just and egalitarian society; instead, we become destroyers of peace, love and justice.

People: Together, we ask for your forgiveness and mercy. Fill us with your grace and enable us to experience your forgiveness. Amen

ABSOLUTION

The Minister: Hear the good news: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. May the God of mercy forgive you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, keep you in eternal life, and give you peace. **Amen**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 31 *responsively or antiphonally*

- 1 In you, Lord, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.
- 3 Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
- 4 Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.
- 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.
- 6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols;
as for me, I trust in the Lord.
- 7 I will be glad and rejoice in your love,
for you saw my affliction
and knew the anguish of my soul.
- 8 You have not given me into the hands of the enemy
but have set my feet in a spacious place.
- 9 Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress;
my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.
- 10 My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;
my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak.
- 11 Because of all my enemies, I am the utter contempt of my neighbors
and an object of dread to my closest friends—

those who see me on the street flee from me.
12 I am forgotten as though I were dead;
I have become like broken pottery.
13 For I hear many whispering, “Terror on every side!”
They conspire against me and plot to take my life.
14 But I trust in you, Lord; I say, “You are my God.”
15 My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies, from those who pursue me.
16 Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel – Matthew 10

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. 6 Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

9 Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts –
10 no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff, for the worker is worth his keep. 11 Whatever town or village you enter, search there for some worthy person and stay at their house until you leave. 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting. 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Meditation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy Church and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and all other ministers and missionaries, that with a good heart and a pure conscience they may fulfill their ministry, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the rulers of our country and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For the poor, the hungry, orphans and widows, and those who suffer persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

That, with all God's servants who have served here and are now at rest, we may enter into the fullness of God's unending joy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Gracious and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that our vocation and ministry, we may truly and godly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord, hear our prayer,
And let our cry come to you.
Let us pray.

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

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



Day 3 - Friday, May 5, 2023 – 8.30 AM
Morning Worship

Worship Theme: Healing amid Poverty

Please observe silence to prepare the mind and heart for worship.

All Stand and the Minister says: Let us worship God.

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whose great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

Minister: Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

People: Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might, be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

Great and wonderful are your deeds, O Lord God, the almighty:
Just and true are your ways, O Sovereign of the nations.
**Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord?
for you alone are holy.**

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:
for your just dealings have been revealed.

**To the One who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb:
be blessing and honour, glory and might forever and ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION

Minister says: Let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
Let us celebrate God's majesty, and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

The minister then says: Let us in silence, remember our need for God's forgiveness.

After this, all say:

**God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins, forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

The minister: Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent, forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also be with you.

The Collect

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God of healing, who restores all creation into wholeness by your healing touch; help us to listen to your voice of healing, be receptive to your healing touch and be ready to take up our mats and proclaim your power and glory. Help us to find strength in our helplessness in the name of the

God who healed the whole creation from chaos, the Christ who restored us from ailments, and the Holy Spirit who continues to comfort us, now and evermore. *Amen.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 91 *responsively or antiphonally*

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

3 Surely he will save you
from the fowler’s snare
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

5 You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

8 You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.

9 If you say, “The Lord is my refuge,”
and you make the Most High your dwelling,

10 no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
12 they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

14 “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
15 He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Gospel – John 5

A reading from the Gospel of John.

The Healing at the Pool

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie – the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

7 “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” 8 Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” 9 At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, 10 and so the Jewish leaders said to the man who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat.” 11 But he replied, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Pick up your mat and walk.’” 12 So they asked him, “Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?”

13 The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away into the crowd that was there. 14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” 15 The man went away and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Meditation

The Apostles' Creed

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He descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Make your ways known upon earth, O God,
your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness,
and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of this and every nation,
that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

Thanksgivings and intercessions may follow here

Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created
and by your love we are redeemed;
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves to your service,
and live each day in love to one another and to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the people of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham in the Church of England (York Province)

We pray for our suffering sisters and brothers in all parts of the world where there is violence and oppression.

Global Mission Cycle of Prayer

Today, on the fifth day of the month, we pray for Diocese of Central New York's Global Mission Committee and its companionship with the Diocese of El Salvador; for the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and its missional relationship with the Diocese of Sao Paulo in Brazil; and for Diocese of Chicago and its companion relationships with Diocese of Renk in South Sudan and with the Diocese of Southeast Mexico.

Silence and free thanksgivings and intercessions. . . .

Together: **Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness, we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come to you.
Let us pray.

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

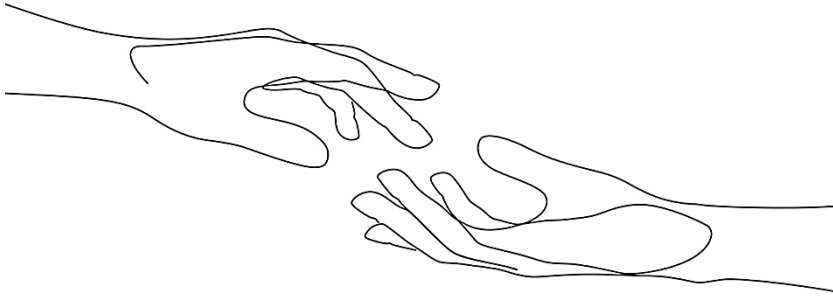
BLESSING

May the God of love who shared his love strengthen us in our love for others. May the Son who shared his life grant us grace that we might share our life. And may the Holy Spirit indwelling us empower us to be wholly and always for others. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.





**Day 3 - Friday, May 5, 2023 – 11.30 AM
Concluding Worship**

Worship Theme: God's Call to Healing Mission

Please observe silence to prepare the mind and heart for worship.

All stand and the Minister says: Christ has been raised from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Alleluia.

**You are in the midst of us, O Lord;
and we are called by your name. Alleluia.**

Let us worship the God of love.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Eternal Spirit, flow through our being and open our lips,
that our mouths may proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, God of the universe.
You have created us, and given us life.

Blessed are you, God of the planet earth.
**You have set our world like a radiant jewel in the heavens,
and filled it with action, beauty, suffering, struggle and hope.**

Blessed are you, God of Nations
**in all the peoples who live here,
in all the lessons we have learned,
in all that remains for us to do.**

Blessed are you because you need us;
**because you make us worthwhile,
because you give us people to love and work to do
for your universe, for your world and for ourselves.**

CONFESSION

Minister says:

The angels of God guard us through our life of missional living,
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide as we move into the world to love and
serve
to lead us to peace and to glory.

Silence

My brothers and sisters, our help is in the name of the eternal God,
who is making the heavens and the earth.

O Lord, thank you for all that is good,
for our creation and for our humanity,
for the stewardship you have given us of this planet Earth,
for the gifts of life and of one another,
for your love which is unbounded and eternal.
Most holy and beloved,
our Companion, our Guide upon the way,
our bright evening star.

We repent the wrongs we have done:

Silence

We have wounded your love.

O God, heal us.

We stumble in the darkness.

Light of the world transfigure us.

We forget that we are your home.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Let us confess our sins

**Eternal Spirit, living God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
all that we are, have been and shall be is known to you,
to the very secret of our hearts and all that rises to trouble us.
Living flame, burn into us; cleansing wind, blow through us;
fountain of water, well up within us,
that we may love and praise in deed and in truth. Amen**

The peace of the Lord be with you
And also be with you.

The Collect

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

O God, the author of life, you have called us to be dynamic and active to connect together to create life-saving networks. Give us life-saving faith to become friends to the needy, support the weak, comfort the sick and be channels of your healing. Empower us to be committed to the needs of the little ones around us and bring our fellow humans to your space so that we may be transformed as useful instruments in your healing hands. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Psalm 147 *responsively or antiphonally*

- 1 Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
- 2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.

- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.
- 6 The Lord sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.
- 8 He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.
- 9 He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.
- 10 His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;
- 11 the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel – Mark 16

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

¹² Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of the disciples while they were walking in the country. ¹³ These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

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the holy catholic Church,

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
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and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Into your hands, O God, I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth and love.

Keep me, O God, as the apple of an eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Alleluia. The Lamb who was slain has conquered. Alleluia.
**All who follow the Way will share in the victory. Alleluia,
alleluia.**

Lord, have mercy..
Christ, have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer in the alternative form from New Zealand Prayer Book.

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

The minister and people pray responsively.

I will lie down in peace and take my rest,
for it is in God alone that I dwell unafraid.

Let us bless the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, the Life-giver,
let us praise and exalt God above all forever.

May God's name be praised beyond the furthest star,
glorified and exalted above all forever.

Two Prayers for Mission:

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit

that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Silence and free thanksgivings and intercessions. . . .

Together: **Creator of the universe, infinite and glorious, you give us laws to save us from our folly; give us eyes to see your plan unfolding, your purpose emerging as the world is made; give us courage to follow the truth courage to go wherever you lead; then we shall know blessings beyond our dreams; then will your will be done. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the risen Christ be within us to keep us, beside us to guard, before us to lead, behind us to protect, beneath us to support, above us to bless.

The blessing of God, the eternal goodwill of God, the *shalom* of God, the wildness and the warmth of God, be among us and between us, now and always. **Amen**

The Dismissal

Leader: Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace. Alleluia. Alleluia.
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