

Service of Healing

St. Mark's Lutheran Church · Asheville, North Carolina

Invocation

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Great God our healer, by your power the Lord Jesus Christ healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness, and light to illuminate our darkness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Readings and Reflection

Prayers

God the Father, you desire the health and salvation of all people.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temples of your presence.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole, especially... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, the awareness of your presence, especially... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit, especially... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience, especially... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to the dying a peaceful, holy death, and with your grace strengthen those who mourn, especially... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in this nation, and in the world, especially... Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, in baptism you anointed us with the oil of salvation, and joined us to the death and resurrection of your Son. Bless all who seek your healing presence in their lives. In their suffering draw them more deeply into the mystery of your love, that following Christ in the way of the cross, they may know the power of his resurrection; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Anointing

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, send your Holy Spirit upon your servants; drive away all sickness of body and spirit; make whole that which is broken; deliver them from the power of evil; and preserve them in the true faith, to share in the power of Christ's resurrection and to serve you with all the saints now and evermore.

Amen.

Let us pray. Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

