Welcome to this service of healing and wholeness. The service is based on the Common Worship Liturgy, with additional texts to reflect the Feast of St Luke, and prayers around the anointing and laying on of hands. All are welcome to share fully in this service.

A CELEBRATION of Healing and Wholeness for the Feast of St Luke

Sunday 19 October 2014, 10.30am
The Parish Church of St John Baptist
Bishop Monkton
PLEASE READ THESE NOTES BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS

The Church’s Ministry of Healing
In his own ministry, Jesus gave high priority to healing the sick. The same concern has always found expression in the ministry of the Church through the Eucharist in the prayers for the sick, and the personal love and care offered by individual Christians. This ministry has continued over the centuries in many churches.

The Laying-on-of-hands
Among the ways in which the Church exercises this ministry of love and care is through the laying on of hands. This is done by a priest/minister and others who believe themselves to be called to this particular ministry. They are not ‘healers’; they represent the whole Body of Christ (His Church) surrounding you with His love and prayer. Any of us may receive this gift from God when we believe there is need of the healing power of the Spirit of God.

The role of the healing ministry alongside medicine
This ministry is in no sense offered as an alternative to medical care. All healing comes from God, whether brought about by the skill and care of doctors and nurses, through prayer, through special services, or through healing words or a healing touch.

The healing and wholeness and well-being of the whole person
It is a ministry that reflects Jesus’ concern and promise for the whole person - body, mind and spirit. That is why this service is called a service of ‘wholeness’. Recovery from disease is one aspect of this wholeness; another is the possibility of being enabled by God to accept illness or disability. Beyond our search for individual healing there is also a need for healing in human society, scarred as it is by war injustice and oppression.

Reconciliation, right relationships and forgiveness
The Church’s ministry of healing is therefore also one of reconciliation and forgiveness. Our penitence, and God’s forgiveness, are necessary for recovering wholeness of body, mind and spirit and for healing the broken relationship between ourselves and God, and between one another.

‘Christ has no other hands but yours with which he blesses the world.’
St Theresa of Avila

Those who receive the ministry of laying-on-of-hands and anointing will not be visited as a result of this service unless it is specifically requested.
You in us are bruised and broken: 
hear us as we seek release 
from the pain of earlier living; 
set us free and grant us peace.

Send us, God of new beginnings, 
humbly hopeful into life. 
Use us as a means of blessing: 
make us stronger, give us faith.

Give us faith to be more faithful, 
give us hope to be more true, 
give us love to go on learning: 
God! En-courage and renew!

Fred Kaan (b. 1929)
Tune: Love Divine

Dismissal

The Eucharist is ended, our service must now begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All  *In the name of Christ. Amen.

Refreshments are served after the service.
Everyone is welcome.
Do please stay if you can.

Before the service begins, the Presiding Priest welcomes everyone.

We STAND to sing the first HYMN

We cannot measure how you heal
or answer ev’ry sufferer’s prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.

Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.

But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.

Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

John Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b.1958)
Tune: Tallis’ Canon

The Gathering and Welcome

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus be with you.
All  and also with you.
The Presiding Priest welcomes everyone and briefly introduces the service

Let us pray together

All Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of Penitence

The gospel calls us to faithfulness, love, peace, healing and reconciliation. So let us renew our confidence, and trust in God’s mercy:

A moment of silent personal reflection is kept.

Lord, you bring us abundant life. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you bring peace, healing and wholeness to that which is broken. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you bring light and love to the world. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The Presiding Priest declares the absolution, saying:

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins that you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We STAND for the Prayers after Communion & Blessing

Jesus, our wounded healer, by your body, broken on the cross, reveal your wholeness in all for whom we have prayed. Through your broken body, the Church, reveal your wholeness in the world. May we who have gathered around your table be renewed by your healing Spirit and made ready for the coming of your kingdom.

All Amen.

Let us pray:

All To God our Maker we commend our bodies and our souls. To Christ our Redeemer we commend our brothers and sisters. To the Holy Spirit, our Accompanier we commend our world, in peace.

Priest And may the blessing of God almighty, the 8Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and all those for whom you pray, this day and always.

All Amen.

We sing the final HYMN

God! When human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.

Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.
Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All**
Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread.

**All**
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

— OR —

Jesus, Lamb of God:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins:
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace.

An invitation to communion is said.
Everyone comes to the altar for communion or a blessing.
If you wish to receive a blessing, please carry this service booklet with you.

After communion a period of SILENT prayer is kept by everyone.

The Gloria, Gathering Prayer and Readings

Rejoicing in the all-forgiving power of God’s healing love,
let us sing of God’s glory:

**All**

Glory to God in heaven high above,
and on the earth be peace through God’s deep love.

We worship you, our hearts to you we raise,
the Father almighty, God of all our praise.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son
O Lamb of God, the vict’ry you have won.

Glory to God...

You bore for us the burden of our sin.
Receive this our prayer and grant us peace within.

Glory to God...

Christ, you alone are Lord with God Most High
and with the Spirit - God we glorify!

Glory to God...

Tune: Crucifer
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Almighty God, you called Luke, the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the Gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All**

Amen.

We SIT for THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[The Old Testament reading can followed on the Weekly Notice Sheet]

At the end of the Old Testament reading, the reader says:

For the word of the Lord

**All**

Thanks be to God
We REMAIN SEATED to sing the hymn

The love of God comes close
Where stands an open door
To let the stranger in,
To mingle rich and poor:
The love of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

The peace of God comes close
To those caught in the storm,
Forgoing lives of ease
To ease the lives forlorn:
The peace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

The joy of God comes close
Where faith encounters fears,
Where heights and depths of life
Are found through smiles and tears:
The joy of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

The grace of God comes close
To those whose grace is spent,
When hearts are tired or sore
And hope is bruised or bent:
The grace of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

The Son of God comes close
Where people praise his name,
Where bread and wine are blest
And shared, as when he came:
The Son of God is here to stay
Embracing those who walk his way.

As we gather at this table, we remember the table
around which Jesus and his companions gathered.
There he recommitted himself to your love, and to his people.
He took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me.

All We remember him.

After the meal was over,
he took the cup of blessing, gave you thanks,
gave it to his friends, and said:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood, poured out for you.
Each time you drink this, remember me.

All We remember him.

And so we do as he asked us, loving God.
We pray that your Spirit might fill these gifts, and fill us
- that we might be vessels of your love,
your hope, your healing, and your life in the world.

All Come, Holy Spirit, come! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our healing Saviour has taught us,
we join our prayers with all those who through the ages
have sought God's help and salvation as we pray together:

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 for ever.
Amen.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
    bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
    kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell, 1863

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**Table Prayer**

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,
who raises the poor, heals the sick,
fills our praise and makes us whole.

All  **Blessed be God for ever.**

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**The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here

All  **God's Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

All  **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All  **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks in sickness and in health,
in suffering and in joy, through Christ
our Saviour and Redeemer,
who as the Good Samaritan
tends the wounds of body and spirit.
He stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope,
turning the darkness of our pain
into the dawning light of his kingdom.
And now we join with St Luke and all the saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

All  **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;**
    **Holy is the Lord God almighty!**

All  **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;**
    **Holy is the Lord God almighty!**

All  **Who was, and is, and is to come!**
    **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

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**We STAND to face the Gospel Book**

We sing **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All  **Glory to you, O Lord**

[The text of the Gospel can be followed in the Weekly Notice Sheet]

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**At the end of the Gospel reading:**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All  **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sing **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**A SERMON is preached.**

After the sermon, a moment of SILENCE may be kept.

**We STAND to say An Affirmation of Faith**

In response to the word of God,
let us affirm our faith together:

All  **We believe in light beyond our seeing,**
    **flowing forth from the flame of life in God,**
    **who goes on creating in us,**
    **down through the ages of ages.**

We believe in healing beyond our knowing,
from the Christ whose robe stands close
to the reach of our hand
and the pain of our struggle,
beyond the end of time.

We believe in the energy of God's Spirit,
stirring in our hearts
with a rhythm of courage and passion,
moving our feet
to risk Christ's Way again
as those who are always called
to be the humble, human witnesses
to the faithfulness of God.

Amen.
We SIT or KNEEL for the Prayers of Intercession

Prayer is offered:
- for the world and its people
- for the Church and its members
- for those who suffer and those in need
- for those who have died

One of these responses, or an alternative response, may be used:

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All hear our prayer or Lord, graciously hear us

The prayers may conclude with:

Merciful Father,
All accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Anointing and Laying on of Hands

Come Holy Spirit of God,
inspire our hearts to receive your healing love;
empower our hands
to minister you love and wholeness.
Fill our inner silence with hope and expectancy;
give us faith in your power to make us whole,
and renew us in body, mind and spirit,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

This prayer over the oil for anointing is said by the priest:
Blessed are you, Sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.
Your Word brought light out of darkness,
and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.
Your anointed Son brought healing to the weak and distressed,
and sent out the disciples to do the same in his name.
By the power of your Spirit may your blessing
rest upon all who are anointed with this oil in your name.
All Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever. Amen.

Those who wish to receive anointing and laying-on-of hands are invited to come forward. During this, music is played.

This prayer is used at the Anointing and laying-on-or-hands:
I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life.
Receive Christ’s peace, his healing and his love.

Answer Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We STAND for The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All and also with you.

All may exchange a sign of Christ’s peace
As the altar is prepared we sing the offertory HYMN during which the collection is taken.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
and comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
for truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the Name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.