

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
People *And also with you.*

THE COLLECT FOR HEALING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING: EPHESIANS 5:1-14

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be associated with them. For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light--for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF HEALING

Celebrant Together we lift our prayers to you, O God of love and healing. Let us remember those whom we hold in prayer:

The people name those for whom they are interceding.

God the Father, you breathe life into your whole Creation.
Help us breathe deeply of your Peace and Presence.

God the Son, you give us yourself to make our joy complete.
Help us give our doubt, fear, hurt, and grief to you.

God the Holy Spirit, you move through our lives in unexpected ways.
Help us move in concert with your life-giving directions.

Holy Trinity, One God, accept our thanks and praise for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that our present circumstances may make difficult to see.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find new wholeness illumined by your grace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless all who work to improve the health of others that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant all who turn to you the courage to participate with you in restoring this broken world to wholeness that everyone and everything may share in the hope of your kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For these and for all other petitions that are too deep for words, we pray to you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Gracious God, you are close to us no matter how far we feel from you: draw us into the very heart of your grace and help us to live into the truth that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*