

Healing Service Mid-week Lent March 18, 2020

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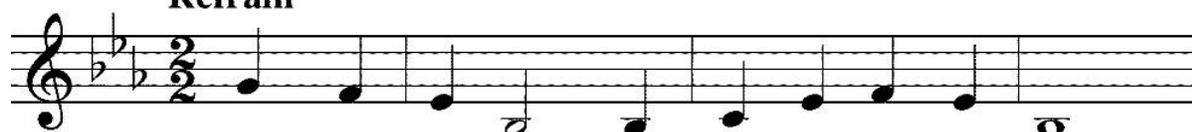
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

We gather to hear the word of God, pray for those in need, and ask God's blessing on those who seek healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord.

BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE

Marty Haugen

Refrain



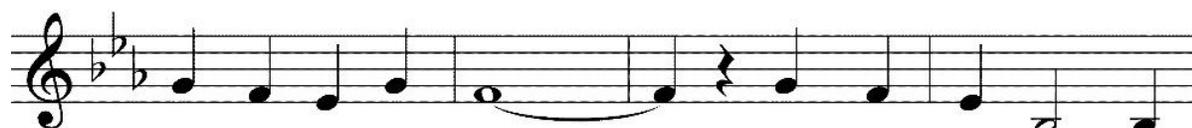
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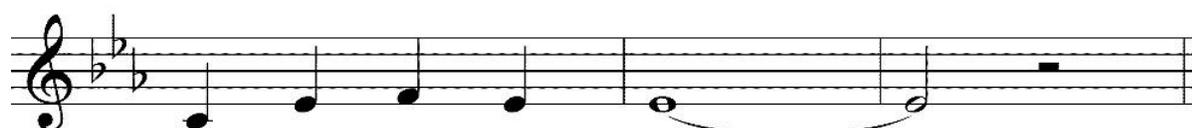
[Come and gath-er] be - neath the tree of



life; Root of wis-dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal-ing and re - lease. [Come and gath-er] be -



neath the tree of life.

** The following phrases may be inserted wherever there are brackets.*

Streams of mercy...
No more dying...
Sweet forgiveness...

Lay your burdens...
Grace and pardon...
Joy and new hope...

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KYRIE (ELW p. 213)



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

WORSHIP ASSISTANT - PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 215)

The congregation replies "**Amen**".

Let us pray.

Great God, our healer, by your power,
the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless.

As we gather in his name, look upon us with mercy, and bless us with your healing
Spirit.

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, our crucified and risen Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

READING: Matthew 8: 14-17 Jesus casting out and curing

A reading from Matthew 8

¹⁴When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever;

¹⁵he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him.

¹⁶That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he
cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick.

¹⁷This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our
infirmities and bore our diseases."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Matthew 15: 29-31

A reading from Matthew 15.

²⁹After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.

³⁰Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others.

They put them at Jesus' feet, and he cured them, ³¹so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 11: 2-6

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

⁴Jesus answered them,

"Go and tell John what you hear and see:

⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Pr. Karen Kuhnert

HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* (ELW 712)

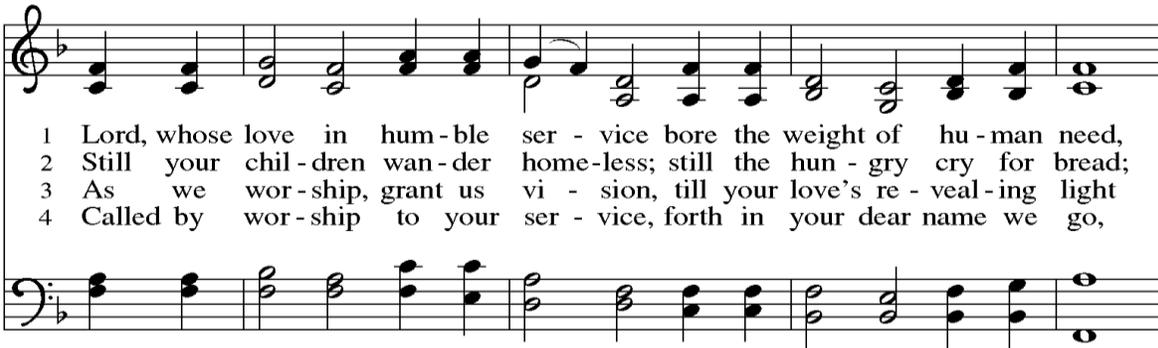
A REFLECTION BY PR. KAREN: What have you heard? What have you seen? You students (disciples!) are living witnesses to the workings of costly grace by Jesus - the teacher, Son of God, Son of Man – who offers health, healing and wholeness to all.

Will you keep the good news to yourself or “go and tell” what you “hear and see”? Will you let yourself be loosed, will you unbind others, share the good news and healings with others even to the ends of the earth?

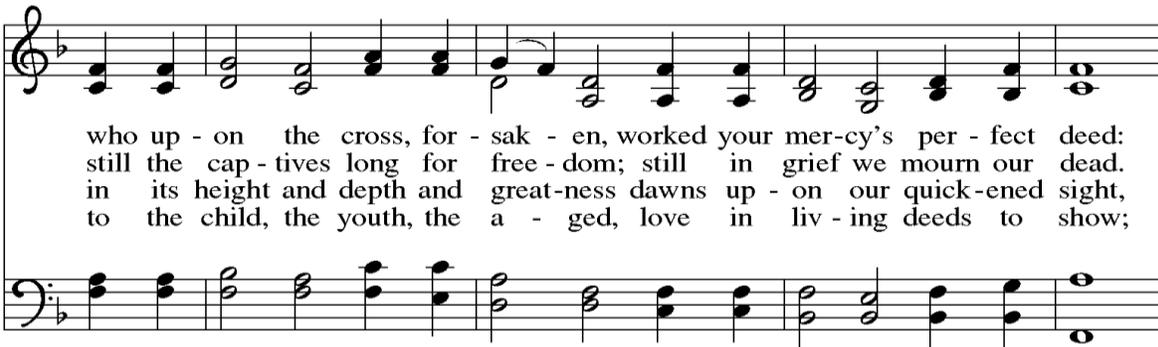
In our own power we could not, but by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can praise God with our enlightened and enlivened discipleship.

Thanks be to God.

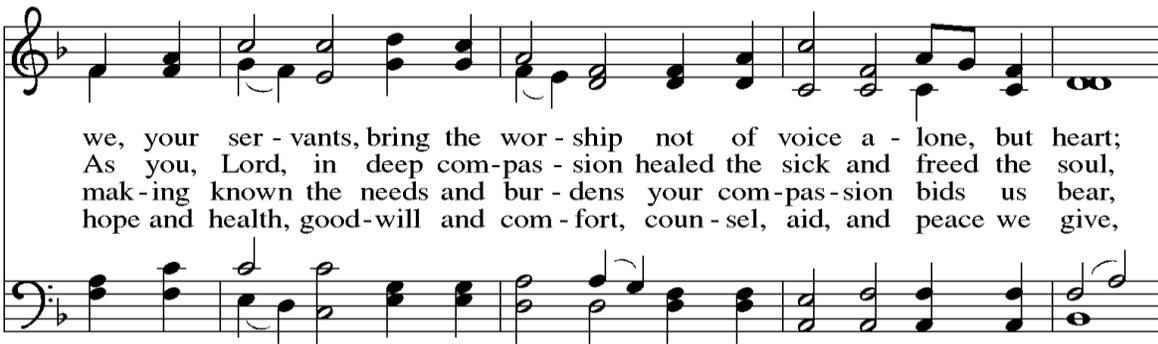
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



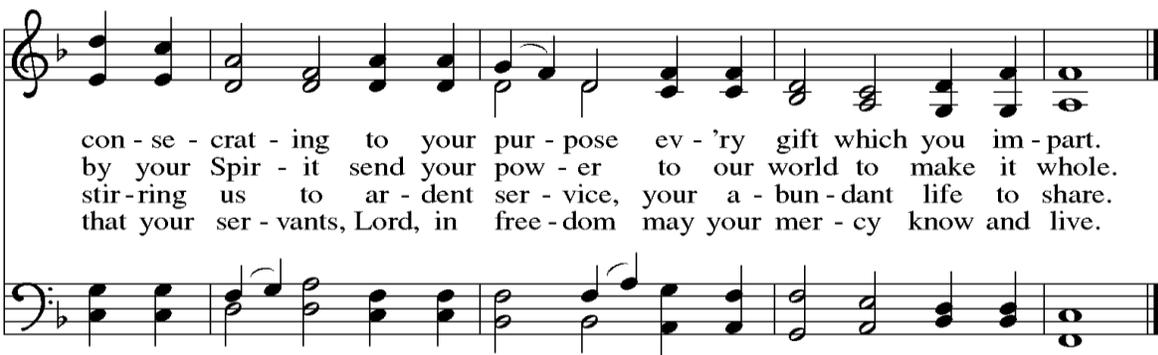
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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Pr. Karen: As we begin to prepare for the time of “Laying on of Hands and Prayer” let us gather now our offerings for God’s work in God’s world while we sing “Healer of Our Every Ill #612.

Offertory Prayer: Let us pray. Merciful God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom all have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

RITUAL OF HEALING:

Pr. Karen: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we entrust ourselves and all who are in need of healing to God.

Let us begin with the Apostles’ Creed and the Prayer our Saviour taught us to pray, these healing resources that focus on our selves.

APOSTLES’ CREED (ELW p. 217)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, 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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come 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.

LORD’S PRAYER (ELW p. 221)

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray now for ourselves, the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and especially for all who are suffering or are in any affliction.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; hear us, **O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent the awareness of your presence; hear us, **O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; hear us, **O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering; grant them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; hear us, **O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying a peaceful, holy death, and with your grace strengthen those who mourn; hear us, **O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, in this nation, and in the world; hear us, **O Lord of life.**

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 forever and ever. **Amen**

Laying On of Hands

Pr. Karen: Receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

The leader lays both hands on each person's head and may use one of these forms or similar words and may also anoint the person's forehead with oil, making the sign of the cross as at baptism and Ash Wednesday.

Pr. Karen: (With hands upon)

In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ,
be strengthened and filled with God's grace,
that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Receive this oil as a sign
of forgiveness and healing in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, you have granted comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. Continue us in wellness.

When we are afraid, give us courage;
when afflicted, give us patience;
when dejected, give us hope;
and when alone, assure us of the support of your holy people.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

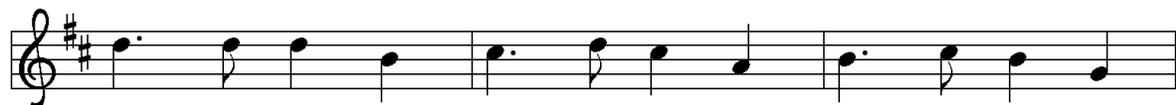
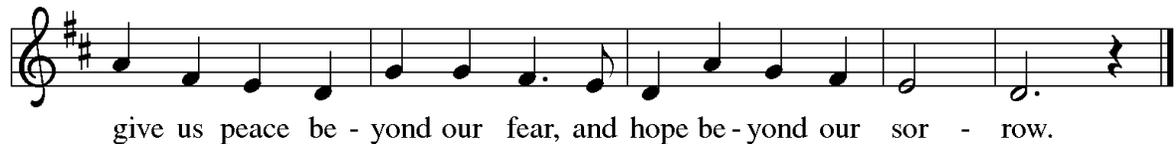
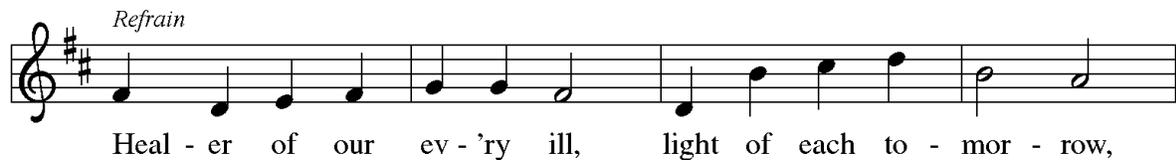
BLESSING:

O God of Love, the God of all consolation, bless you in every way, grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

Healer of Our Every Ill



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**