

All Age Communion Service - 12 April – HEALING

Collect:

Lord, we thank you that our comfort flourishes through Christ.

Nothing in the world can bring us the comfort and peace that you alone can offer.

Thank you that you understand our trials, and you care.

Through our own struggle and pain, help us to be your people to offer comfort and strength to others who need your healing and wholeness.

First reading:

Psalm 103: 1-5

All that I am, praise the Lord.
Everything in me, praise his holy name.

My whole being, praise the Lord.

Do not forget all his kindnesses.

The Lord forgives me for all my sins.
He heals all my diseases.

He saves my life from the grave.
He loads me with love and mercy.

He satisfies me with good things.
He makes me young again, like the eagle.

Second reading:

James 5: 13-16

If one of you is having troubles, he should pray. If one of you is happy, he should sing praises.

If one of you is sick, he should call the church's elders.

The elders should pour oil on him in the name of the Lord and pray for him.

And the prayer that is said with faith will make the sick person well.

The Lord will heal him.

And if he has sinned, God will forgive him.

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other.

Do this so that God can heal you.

When a good man prays, great things happen.

Gospel: Luke 13: 10-17

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath day.

In the synagogue there was a woman who had an evil spirit in her.

This spirit had made the woman a cripple for 18 years. Her back was always bent; she could not stand up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, your sickness has left you!"

Jesus put his hands on her. Immediately she was able to stand up straight and began praising God.

The synagogue leader was angry because Jesus healed on the Sabbath day. He said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come to be healed on one of those days. Don't come for healing on the Sabbath day."

The Lord answered, "You people are hypocrites! All of you untie your work animals and lead them to drink water every day—even on the Sabbath day! This woman that I healed is our Jewish sister. But Satan has held her for 18 years. Surely it is not wrong for her to be freed from her sickness on a Sabbath day!" When Jesus said this, all the men who were criticizing him were ashamed.

And all the people were happy for the wonderful things Jesus was doing.

Post-Communion

Thank you Lord that through every weakness and hard place, your strength is displayed in our lives. We can't do it on our own. But you can, through us. Your power is Mighty within us, you are our Helper and our Strength. All things are possible through you.

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