



# St. John's Episcopal Church

## CHRISTMAS SERVICE OF COMFORT & HEALING

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

12:10 p.m.

*In addition to the Holy Eucharist, the service also includes a Litany of Healing, which gives those present an opportunity to name aloud those for whom they are interceding. This enables us to pray for those who are ill, while making the necessary separation between intercession for others. May Christ's presence and grace bring you healing today.*

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### THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.*

#### The Opening Acclamation *Stand*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

#### Trisagion

*Celebrant* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One.

*People* **Have mercy upon us.**

#### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Remain standing as the Celebrant says the Collect of the Day*

#### The Lesson *Sit*

#### The Gospel *Stand*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### The Homily

#### Litany of Healing *Stand or Kneel*

*Celebrant* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People may audibly name those for whom they are interceding.*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

**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 made our bodies the temple of your presence;

**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
**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;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an 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, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, and in our nation, and in the world;  
**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders;  
**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;  
**And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life;  
**Heal us, and make us whole.**

Let us pray.

**Concluding Collect** *Stand or Kneel*

**Confession of Sin** *Stand or Kneel*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A** (361) *Stand*

**Sanctus** *Stand or Kneel*

**Memorial Acclamation** (363)

**The Lord's Prayer** (364)

**The Breaking of the Bread** (364)

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.** Alleluia.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the real and living presence of Christ in Holy Communion.*

**Postcommunion Prayer for Healing** (457) *Stand or Kneel*

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

**Dismissal**