



Sit somewhere comfortable and let yourself come into the presence of God, knowing that others, some we know and some we don't, are doing the same in their homes, on their balconies, in their gardens or their quiet God spot.

Opening prayers

God of tenderness, from an uncertain world of fragments and hopes we come together to pray within these strong walls.

Many have opened their hearts to you here and have found your healing presence.

When deep calls to deep in confusion we put our hope in you.

Christ our Lord, as in times past, not all the sick and suffering found their own way to your side.

But had to have their hands taken or their bodies carried, or their names mentioned.

So we, confident of your goodness, bring others to you. As in times past, you looked at the faith of friends and let peace and healing be known. Look on our faith, even our little faith, and let your kingdom come

Song - #19 Glory and gratitude and praise (Come all you People)

Glory and gratitude and praise

Now let earth to heaven raise

Glory and gratitude and praise

These we offer to God

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Reading: John 8:2-11

²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, ⁴they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. ⁵Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' ⁶They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' ⁸And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' ¹¹She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

Reflection - pp57-60 Max Lucado "Before Amen"

Listen to the words of Jesus, words that we can trust: 'Don't be afraid.' 'I love you.' 'Your sins are forgiven.' 'I will be with you always.' Write these words in our hearts, loving God, let them take root in our living. Amen

Prayers for healing

The names of all for whom prayer has been requested in the past week are placed before us.

From deep within our being we call upon you, God, for through you, all can be made whole.

Hear us as we raise to heaven our concerns for the people of earth.

We pray for those who cry out in physical pain or who suffer silently and who long for the healing that human hands alone cannot offer.

We pray for those who suffer mental anguish, who worry, feel anxiety and fear the future.

We pray for those who mourn, who grieve the loss of a loved one.

We pray for those who are near death, or fear death, and for those who have made the last journey from life to greater life.

We pray for communities in which people deal with disaster, terror or pandemic, hunger or poverty, not knowing how or when their misery will end.

We remember those who are victimised because of their race, background or history, because of their gender or sexuality, because they are different; and for all who are abused, abandoned or who have suffered degradation.

And remembering others in our minds, whose deepest needs may be known to God alone, we commend them to the affirming and restoring grace of God.

Loving Jesus, your hands are strong to hold and heal, to wipe away tears and protect in danger. So, hear our prayers.

In this moment of silence we pray for all known to us who today need to know you are near.

SILENCE

God in your mercy hear our prayer

God our Maker, You call us to be your presence in the world. Here, through our prayers, bring healing, hope and peace.

Spirit of the living God present with us now, enfold us, body, mind and spirit, and heal us of all that harms us, in Jesus' name. Amen

Song - #17 Behold I make all things new (Come all you People)

Behold behold I make all things new
Beginning with you
And starting from today
Behold behold I make all things new
My promise is true
For I am Christ the Way

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Closing prayers

May God bless you, May you be holy and strong and creative.

May you know the joy of Jesus. May you dance in the wildness of the Spirit's breath.

May God's glory continue to grow in you gently, powerfully, tenderly.

May you be cradled in warmth and healing May you be held in God's wisdom and love.

Amen.

On our hearts and our houses,

the blessing of God.

In our coming and going,

the peace of God.

In our life and believing,

the love of God.

At our end and new beginning,

the arms of God to welcome us and bring us home.

(Prayers drawn from the Iona Service of Prayers for Healing 7/7/2020)

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