

# Rite for Healing

(The Season of Advent)

## The Word of God

*Celebrant says*

Celebrant: Jesus said: "I am the light of the world.

People: **Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, But will have the light of life."**

Celebrant: Let us fix our eyes upon the true Light as we gather in worship today.

The Celebrant says to the people The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**The Celebrant says the Collect.**

## The Scriptures for the Day

Quiet time of reflection

## Litany for Healing

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 fear, pain, 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 motion.**

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

**O 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.

**O 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.

**O 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.

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those who have died, especially those who died from the Corona virus, and with those who are grieving their loss.

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

**O 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.

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

*At this time, prayers of thanksgiving or intercession are offered, either silently or aloud. (Silence is kept.) A reading of the list of those for whom intercession has been requested.*

For these and for all other persons and needs that are too deep for words, we pray to you:

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

You are the Lord whose promises never cease.

**You are the Lord whose presence never fails.**

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.

## **The Peace**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

O God, by your holy prophets you promised that your only Son would come in the flesh for us and be born of a virgin.

In these last days you have fulfilled your Word.

When he who came to redeem the world comes to be our judge, let us rejoice with all the Saints .

We give you thanks and praise, our God,  
for all of the wonders of this world you have created  
and for the gift of life that you have given to us.

Gracious God, source and sustenance of life,

Lord Jesus Christ, present to the pain and brokenness of our world,  
Holy Spirit, who enlivens all that exists,  
we beseech you to send your healing power upon us  
and upon all we pray for today.

Source of our health and wholeness,  
healer of body, mind and spirit,  
we bring before you the darkness of our world,  
and the pain and suffering of your people.  
We seek to be healed and made whole;  
we seek to be reconciled and united;  
we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

We thank you for sending your Son, Jesus,  
the one anointed to bring to us the message of your love.  
He called to himself a little band of men and women  
to instruct them in your desire  
that your Kingdom of justice, peace and abundance should come among us.

He opened their eyes to the promise of your grace as he took the elements of a meal  
and transformed them into the promise of the Kingdom.  
Jesus took that bread, and broke it.  
To restore the unity of our broken world.  
Then offering the cup poured out for the liberation of all,  
Jesus gave thanks and shared the cup with his friends.  
Gathered in his name, we open ourselves to that promise.  
May the Spirit of life and wholeness,  
transform us, too, that we may be refreshed in our inner being  
and be empowered to bring mercy, love and healing to those whose lives we touch.  
Grant, that in union with all peoples, living and dead,  
we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished,  
where justice and peace are restored,  
and where all people can live in health and wholeness,  
united in acclaiming the God of life,  
whose abundance is offered to each and to all,  
'til the Kingdom arrives in the fullness of time.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All: Loving God, We give you thanks for the blessings of this holy Advent season.  
You are the source of life, of hope, and of all good things.  
We look forward to the coming of the light of Christ at Christmas.  
Help us to turn toward that light in our lives.  
We rejoice at the gift of your Son who taught us to love in your name.  
May we be people of peace and justice all the days of our lives.  
May we carry your love to all those whose lives we touch.  
Your kingdom come and your will be done now and forever. Amen.**

**Blessing**

Dismissal