



A Service of Healing & Wholeness

with

Holy Communion

Emmanuel Church
Billericay

The Billericay & Little Burstead Team Ministry

Welcome and Notices

Opening Prayer

Leader: We come together this morning in the presence of Almighty God:

All: We come with our needs and bring with us the needs of others.

Leader: We come to Almighty God, who comes to us in Jesus:

All: And who knows for himself what human life is like.

Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts:

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

Leader: We come as we are, because it is God Himself
who invites us to come:

All: And Almighty God has promised to meet us here.

Songs of Worship

Bible Readings

Talk

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: We have heard about you, God of all power. You made the world
out of kindness, creating order out of confusion; You made each
one of us in your own image; Your finger print is on every soul.

All: We have heard about you, God, and we praise you.

Leader: We have heard about you, Jesus Christ: the carpenter who left
tools and trade; the poor man who made others rich; the healer
who let himself be wounded; the criminal on whom soldiers spat,
not knowing that they were fouling the face of God; the saviour
who died and rose again.

All: We have heard about you, Jesus, and we praise you.

Leader: We have heard about you, Holy Spirit. You broke the bonds of race and nation, to let God speak in every tongue; You made your followers drunk with grace; You converted souls and emptied pockets; You showed how love makes all things new and opened the doors to change and freedom.

All: We have heard about you, Holy Spirit, and we praise you.

Leader: We have heard about You, God, three-in-one. And You, the Lord of all, have heard about us. But not through second-hand reports: not from the tales that others tell. You have put your ear to our heart, both when we prayed and when we doubted. You know well what we fear and question, what we long for and from whom we turn away. And even when we become deaf to You, You never stop listening to us.

All: In silence, in penitence, and in confidence, we do not repeat what you already know. We ask to be made whole. AMEN.

A Song of Worship

Prayers for Healing: **Broken Relationships**

Leader: Holy God, Maker of all:

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor:

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

All: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Let us, in silence, remember our faults and failings and bring before our Heavenly Father, in our thoughts and prayers, those broken and strained relationships we wish to be restored.

The leader confesses and the congregation ministers God's absolution.

Leader: I confess to God and in the company of all God's people
That my life and the life of the world are broken by my sin.

**All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. AMEN.**

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and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. **AMEN.**

Prayers for Healing: *Those who are Absent*

Leader: O Christ our Healer, 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 before you now in our
prayers.

Leader: We pray for those with physical illness or difficulty ...
All: **Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all, trail wide the hem of your garment.
Bringing your healing, bringing your peace.**

Leader: We pray for those with emotional scars which will not heal ...
All: **Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all, trail wide the hem of your garment.
Bringing your healing, bringing your peace.**

Leader: We pray for those with broken or strained relationships ...
All: **Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all, trail wide the hem of your garment.
Bringing your healing, bringing your peace.**

Leader: We pray for those whose journey through this life has ended ...
All: **Lord Jesus Christ, lover of all, trail wide the hem of your garment.
Bringing your healing, bringing your peace.**

Leader: Lord God, you alone are skilled to know the cure for every sickness,
ailment, disease, situation and every soul. If by our lives your grace
may be known, then in us, through us, and, if need be, despite us,
let your kingdom come. **AMEN.**

Prayers for Healing: *Those who are Present*

- Leader: Jesus laid hands on the sick and prayed for their healing. He authorised his disciples to follow his example and so we come now to share in this ministry in his name. We come to receive God's healing touch and to be channels of that healing touch for others. Look, Lord on your children, who love your name and need your care. Let your healing touch be known in the touch of friends.
- All: Lord say the word and we shall be healed.**

You are invited to form two queues to be anointed with Oil for Healing. Members of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available for individual prayer before, after, or instead of being anointed with oil (as well as during the distribution of Communion). The leader/ minister will pray the same prayer for each person coming forward:

- Leader: May Almighty God, by the power of His Holy Spirit, meet your deepest need and bring Healing, Wholeness and Restoration to your Body, Soul and Spirit this day. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. **AMEN.**

A Song of Worship

Holy Communion

- Leader: What do you bring to Christ's table?
- All: We bring bread, made by many people's work, from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.**
- Leader: At this table all are fed, and no-one is turned away.
- All: Thanks be to God.**
- Leader: What do you bring to Christ's table?
- All: We bring wine, made by many people's work, from a world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.**
- Leader: At this table all share the cup of pain and celebration, no-one is denied.
- All: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: These gifts shall be to us, symbols of the body and blood of Christ.
All: **Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice, our celebration of all that is good, and our hope for a world where God is fully known and every child is fed. Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Consecration

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised. What have we to offer? Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power change.

So as we do in this place what you did in the upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. That, as symbols of your body, they may bring healing, forgiveness and make us whole and that we might become, for you, your body loving and caring in the world; until your kingdom comes.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said, 'This is my body. It is broken - for you.' And later he took the cup of wine and said, 'This is the new relationship with God made possible through my death. Take this - all of you.'

All: **Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**



Sharing in Christ's Healing Presence

Leader: Come to this table to meet the living God, love indescribable and beyond our imagining yet closer than our own breathing. Come to this table to meet the risen Christ flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, God - with - us, embodied in our living. Come to this table to meet the life giving Spirit, interpreting our search for truth and justice, breathing into us renewing power. Come to find, to meet, to hold, the living God through this bread and wine.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Bread and Wine Are Distributed

*Bread and wine will be passed round from person to person.
In turn, we receive and then offer the bread and wine to one another.*

Songs of worship will be sung during this time. Members of the Prayer Ministry Team are available in the Chapel for those who wish to receive individual prayer during this time.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, Now and forever. AMEN.**

A Song of Worship

Offertory Prayer

Closing Prayer

All: Almighty God, we pray for all those who have come to touch the hem of Your garment and receive Your blessing this day. May they experience the healing of renewed faith and the joy that comes from the beginning of a new day. May all who suffer with us this day find comfort in their sorrow and hope for the future.

As we leave today, may this light continue to glow in our hearts and bring strength, comfort and hope to all who place their trust in You. When they are afraid, give them courage; when they feel weak, grant them your strength; when they are troubled, grant them peace; when they feel lost, offer them hope; when they are alone, move us to be by their side. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **AMEN.**

Blessing

Leader: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever (*Hebrews 13:20-12*).

And may the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all, and those whom you love, this day and always.
AMEN.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

All: In the name of Christ, we will.

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