

**European Network of Healthcare
Chaplaincy**

**Service for all the
sick**

**St Matthew's Church, Westminster
Friday 17th September
5pm**

Welcome and Introduction

In the name of Christ, we welcome you.
We have been called out of darkness into God's
marvellous light.
Grace and peace be with you
and also with you.

The love of God has been poured into our hearts,
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us:
we dwell in him and he lives in us.
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty;
who was and is and is to come.

Hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean,

His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, listening to His voice,
New life the dead receive,
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of Thy name.

Confession and absolution

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen**

God, the Father of mercies,
has reconciled the world to himself
through the death and resurrection of his Son,
Jesus Christ,
not holding our sins against us,
but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love

among us.
By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by
Christ to his Church,
receive his pardon and peace
to stand before him in his strength alone
this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Collect for those who are sick
Heavenly Father,
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit and with power
to bring to us the blessings of your kingdom.
Be with all those who are sick, in their time of
weariness and pain and sustain them by your grace.
Heal them according to your will
And hold them in eternal life. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson
2 Kings 4:27-36

Psalm 130
Out of the deep have I called unto thee; O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my
complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done
amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou
be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in
his word is my trust.

My soul looketh for the Lord: more than
watchmen look for the morning; yea, more
watchmen for the morning
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there
is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now,
 and shall be for ever. Amen.

New Testament Lesson
Luke 4:38-44

Prayers for those who are sick
God the Father, your will for all people is health
and salvation
We praise and bless you, Lord.
God the Son, you came that we might have life,
and might have it more abundantly.
We praise and bless you, Lord.
God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies
the temple of your presence.
We praise and bless you, Lord.
Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move
and have our being.
We praise and bless you, Lord.
Lord, grant your healing grace to all
who are sick, injured or disabled,
that they may be made whole.
Hear us, Lord of life.
Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed

a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering,

wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress

soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant peace and a holy death to those who are dying,

and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit

those who are bereaved.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,

in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

Hear us, Lord of life.

You are the Lord, you perform mighty wonders.

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, Lord, is the well of life

and in your light do we see light.

Hear us, Lord of life,

heal us, and make us whole.

Let us be silent before God.

A period of silence follows

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of
your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with
compassion
upon us and all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Homily

Hymn

Faithful vigil ended,
watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant
his discharge in peace.

All thy Spirit promised,
all the Father willed,
now these eyes behold it
perfectly fulfilled.

This thy great deliverance
sets thy people free;
Christ their light uplifted
all the nations see.

Christ, thy people's glory!
Watching, doubting cease:
grant to us thy servants
our discharge in peace.

Dismissal

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us
And, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the
Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
Go in the joy and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.