

HOLY WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF WHOLENESS

OPENING SENTENCES:

Leader: O Lord, open my lips.
People: Any my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
 Leader: Give me a pure heart
People: that I may see Thee,
 Leader: A humble heart
People: that I may hear Thee,
 Leader: A heart of love
People: that I may serve Thee,
 Leader: A heart of faith
People: that I may abide in Thee.

OPENING HYMN Come and Fill Our Hearts

Jacques Berthier

(Leader will sing through once, then all repeat three times.)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no

You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts
 quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni

with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 16:32-17:9

SILENT MEDITATION ON THE SCRIPTURE

(Leader will sing through once, then all repeat three times.)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch _____ and
 pray, _____ watch _____ and pray. _____

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer pain and ill-health, with their families, friends and those who care for them...

May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those who suffer in mind and spirit, and all who care for them...

Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence the suffering people of our world, and the places where people are experiencing division, injustice and violence...

May your ever-present Spirit abide with them

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those struggling to overcome addiction or abuse, those supporting and working with them, and all whose suffering has distanced them from those who love...

May they know the peace of God which surpasses understanding

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those facing bereavement. We also pray for those who have died...

Guard their hearts and their minds in Christ Jesus

Loving God, we hold in your healing presence those whose needs are known to us, and those whose names we do not know, but who are known to you

May your ever-present Spirit abide with them

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS

(You are invited to come forward to one of the prayer stations if you have a particular prayer concern for yourself, for another, or for a particular situation or circumstance. Others may use this time for silent meditation. All are invited to reflect on the questions at the end of our liturgy to focus their meditation.)

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

(You are invited to come to receive the laying on of hands and to be anointed with oil. Others may use this time for silent meditation.)

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Jo Ann Powell and Joanne Bendy

SILENCE:

(Leader concludes the silence...)

Gracious God, you know our frailty and understand our failures. Cleanse us by your forgiveness, purge the stain of sin, and make pure our hearts within us. Mend what is broken in our lives, that we may be made whole with the peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

LENTEN HYMN Lord Jesus Christ

Jésus le Christ

(Leader will sing through once, then all repeat three times.)

Lord Je - sus Christ, your light shines with - in us.

Let not my doubts nor my dark-ness speak to me. Lord Je - sus Christ, your

light shines with - in us. Let my heart al - ways wel - come your love.

THE BENEDICTION:

May the Lord, who is our peace, give us peace at all times and in every way. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Pass the peace with one another as you leave)

For Personal Reflection

- What needs healing in me (physical, emotional, spiritual, or relational)?
- Where within God’s creation do we see brokenness?
- In what ways is Creation itself longing to be healed? (Romans 8:22)
- In what ways, in my personal life and in the world around me, is God inviting me to move toward wholeness?

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