



# A CELTIC SERVICE OF HEALING





## Welcome and Introduction

*Please stand*

### Hymn

**Reader:** My dear King, my own King, without pride, without Sin, you created the whole world. Eternal victorious King. King of the mysteries, you existed before the elements, before the sun was set in the sky, before the waters covered the ocean floor; beautiful King, you are without beginning and without end. High King, you created daylight, and made the darkness: You are not arrogant or boastful, yet strong and firm. Eternal King, you created the land out of the shapeless mass. You carved the mountains and chiselled the valleys, and covered the earth with trees and grass. King and Father of all, you created men and women to be your Stewards of the earth, always praising you for your boundless love.

*Please sit or kneel*

**High King of Heaven, and creator of all,  
we your people confess our weakness before you.  
Where you are humble and free of sin, we are proud and sinful.  
Where you are strong and firm, we are arrogant and boastful.  
Because of our weakness, the world is suffering.**

*Please sit*

**Minister:** Lord, hear the suffering of your people.

**Speaker 1:** I speak for all the peoples of the world, the victims of war and disaster, and all those who are hurt or hungry, afraid or anxious. Lord in your compassion.

**Come near to heal and bless.**

**Speaker 2:** I speak for the earth itself – how it groans as mankind despoils its beauty and is careless of its natural laws! Lord in your compassion,

**Come near to heal and bless.**

**Speaker 3:** I speak for all animals and birds and for all creatures that are frightened or in pain because of human carelessness or cruelty. Lord in your compassion,

**Come near to heal and bless.**

**Speaker 4:** I speak for the children who are abandoned or lost, without families and without love. For those who live on the streets, for those who live in institutions, for all children everywhere who are abused, frightened or alone. Lord in your compassion,

**Come near to heal and bless.**

**Taize Chant:           O Lord hear our prayer  
                                  O Lord hear our prayer**

**Speaker 5:** I speak to all those who are sick, or in pain, those awaiting surgery, those who face long-term illnesses or incurable diseases. Lord in your compassion,

**Come near to heal and bless.**

**Speaker 6:** I speak for all those people who are homeless or unemployed and all those anxious about money. Lord in your compassion,

**Come near to heal and bless.**

**Speaker 7:** I speak for all people who have lost control of their lives and who are dependent upon drink and drugs. Lord in your compassion,

**Come near to heal and bless.**

**Speaker 8:** I speak for all who are sick and those known to us who are in need of help (names.....), Lord in your compassion,

**Come near to heal and bless.**

*Please stand*

## **Hymn**

*Please sit or kneel*

**Minister:** Let us pray.

Dear Lord and Heavenly Father, we live in a world where much is amiss and we are ashamed of the past we have played in spoiling your creation and causing you pain.

**We confess that we have been careless of the gifts you have given us, selfish and indifferent towards other people, and above all we have been neglectful of our relationship with you. We are ashamed and heartily sorry, and in knowledge of your enduring compassion we beg you to forgive.**

May God the Father who created us and knows our innermost thoughts, wash away our sins and give us new life. May God the Son who walks by our side and shares our sorrows and our joys, look with compassion upon all our doings.

May God the Holy Spirit who inspires mankind with the power and goodness of God fill our lives, with the hope and with love that we may walk for ever in the radiant brightness of the High King of Heaven in peace and in joy. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## Hymn

**Bible Reading**      Luke 5: 12-16 (*or suitable alternative reading*)

## Sermon

**Reader:** See where he walks, with love in his face, the sick they touch his hem, He looks so tired and yet He loves.  
Dear of him, he weeps for you.  
He weeps for me.  
Dear my Lord, He weeps.

**Minister:** We light a candle for those who suffer (*a candle is lit*).  
O Lord, kindle a flame in our hearts.

**That we may show your compassion in the World and that through us Christ may walk on earth once more.**

**Reader:** Christ has no body on earth but yours.  
No hands but yours, no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion is to look out for the world.  
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.

**Minister:** We are all in the hands of God.  
He will help us bear the pain, and in the fullness of time.  
He will bring us into the light of a new day, new born and whole once more.

**Reader:** We open the roof to lay our loved ones at your feet Great King.  
Surround them with the shining presence of your love.  
Loving Saviour, heal their hurts with your tender touch. Spirit of Fire, give them new life!

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*We sing the Lord's Prayer*

## **The Caim**

**Minister:** We draw a circle of love, around you all, to keep you from harm.  
In the name of the Father who bore you; in the name of the Son who loves you; in the name of the Spirit who lives in you. Receive the protection of the Trinity of Power.

***Those wishing to receive healing please come forward turn by turn.***

**Minister:** (to each person in turn)  
We lay our hands upon you in the name of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
Receive this healing touch and trust his power.

*Please stand*

## **Hymn**

*Please sit or kneel*

**Minister:** Let us pray

**O Lord and Heavenly Father, we thank you for your compassion towards us and we trust ourselves into your loving care.**

**Where we are weak, give us strength.**

**Where we lack faith, fill us with confidence.**

**Where we are cold, open our hearts to your dear Son, that he may enter to heal our wounds and to be our sweet companion, all the days of our life, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*You are most welcome to stay for refreshments*



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