

Lord, bless us
and heal us.

Gracious Lord, death could not hold you. And because of the resurrection, we, too, can live. Thank you that the grave is only a journey into the presence of God. You have removed the sting of death and empowered this thing called life.

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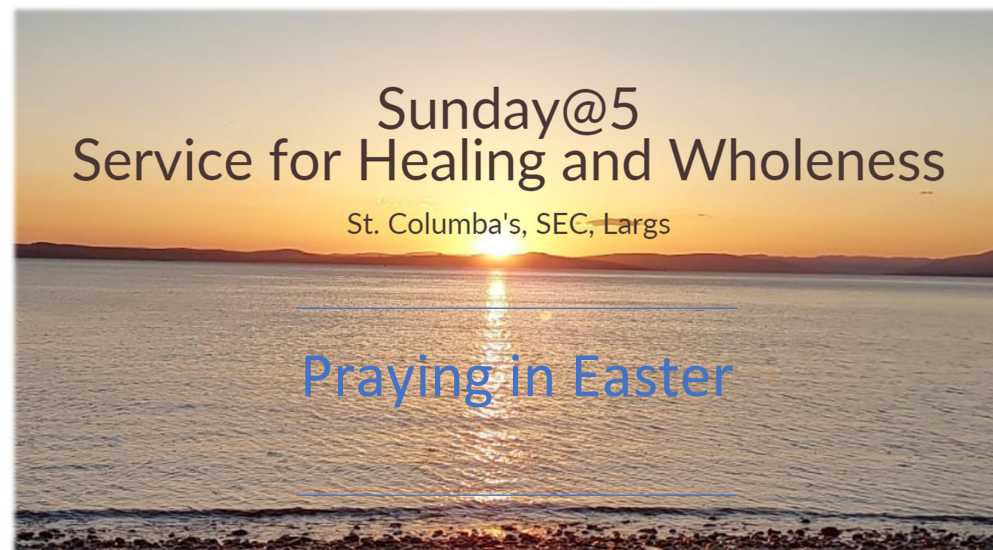
The Lord's prayer

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

The Laying of Hands, the Lighting of Candles and Offering of Prayers.

Blessing

Almighty God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imagination, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours. And then use us as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people. May our God of Hope and Love, grant you strength for today, courage for tomorrow, and fill you with Peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



Music

GATHERING

Leader: In the name of God: Creator, Healer, and Comforter.

All: Blessed be God now and forever.

Leader: Come, all who labour and are heavy-laden; Come, all who are broken in body or spirit; Come, all who care for others in any kind of need or sickness. The Holy One offers comfort, strength, and healing. Let us pray.

All: God of all, draw near to us, who are weary and burdened, sick and suffering.

Leader: Open our eyes to see that you are present with us in our pain, leading us toward health and wholeness. Fill us with your love, and open us to your healing

All: Amen.

Collect

O God, who has prepared for those who love you, such good things as pass human understanding, pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible Reading

Music

Talk

Period of Silent Reflection.

[Here we bring our own needs to God. We seek God's forgiveness for the things that we have done which we ought not to have done. We suffer in our lives through our own fault, the fault of others, or by the seeming accident of fortune. We may suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We may suffer in our relationship with ourselves, with other people, with our environment or with God. All these needs we bring before God in penitence and faith. In sure and certain hope of healing and salvation as he will for us.]

Confession

We say together:

God our Father, we bring before you our failures and suffering, we

acknowledge our need of your saving grace. Forgive us and make us whole according to your gracious promises, that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners and bring the wholeness of salvation. As we truly seek his forgiveness and healing, so he is ready to forgive us and make us whole.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercessions for Lent

Let us pray for all people everywhere according to their need.

Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice in your glorious and triumphant victory over death. For your victory is our victory.

Help us to live by it, in it, and for it.

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Lord God, you loved this world so much, that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too.

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in your healing grace
and sharing your good news to the world.

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Lord, may we understand anew what your death and resurrection means. May we know forgiveness, freedom, and the ability to walk with you through this fallen world into eternity. May we always find our wholeness and satisfaction in you and your willingness to offer yourself to us.