

Liturgy of Anointing

Entrance Procession and Opening Hymn

A Jar of the Oil of the Sick is carried in procession and placed on the altar and revered with incense

Opening Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank you for bestowing on us the gift of life. You know everything that has affected us physically, emotionally, spiritually and all our inmost experiences of mind and heart that have formed us into the people that we now are. We ask you to accept each breath we draw as an act of love and trust in you. In all suffering may we find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord God says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I shall bring them out of the countries where they are; I shall gather them together from foreign countries and bring them back to their own land. I shall pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in every inhabited place in the land. I shall feed them in good pasturage; the high mountains of Israel will be their grazing ground. There they will rest in good grazing ground; They will browse in rich pastures on the mountains of Israel. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bondage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus returned to Capernaum, word went round that he was back, and so many people collected there that there was no room left, even in front of the door. He was preaching the word to them when some people came bringing him a paralytic carried by four men, but as the crowd made it impossible to get the man to him, they stripped the roof over the place where Jesus was; and when they had made an opening, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic lay. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, 'My child, your sins are forgiven.' Now some scribes were sitting there, and they thought to themselves, 'How can this man talk like that? he is blaspheming. Who can forgive sins but God?' Jesus, inwardly aware that this was what they were thinking, said to them, 'Why do you have these thoughts in your hearts? Which of these is easier: to say to the paralytic, "your sins are forgiven" or to say, "Get up, pick up your stretcher and walk"? But to prove to you that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,' - he said to the paralytic - 'I order you: get up, pick up your stretcher, and go off home.' And the man got up, picked up his stretcher at once and walked out in front of everyone, so that they were all astounded and praised God saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

Anointing of the Sick

Prayer over the Oils

Praise to you, God, the almighty Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us salvation.

Praise to you, God, the only-begotten Son. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity and you heal our infirmities.

Praise to you, God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Your unfailing power give us strength in our body weakness.

God of mercy, ease the sufferings and comfort the weakness of your servants whom the Church anoints with this holy oil. We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Priest

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near us in our time of weakness and pain; sustain us by your grace, that our strength and courage may not fail; heal us according to your will; as we place our needs before you.

Reader

Our response to the intercessions is; Lord Hear Our Prayer

For the Church: [pause]

May we accept the challenge to respond to the needs of God's people.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer throughout the world: [pause]

May they experience the peace of Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who have come today for healing: [pause]

May they be filled with new hope and strength.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who are dedicated to the care of the sick: [pause]

May they receive the grace to continue their ministry of compassion.

We pray to the Lord.

For the families and friends of those who are ill: [pause]

May their faith bring them comfort.

We pray to the Lord.

Priest:

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Blessing for Caregivers

Almighty God, you are lavish in bestowing all your gifts; your mercy is without measure, and the treasures of your goodness without limit.

We thank you for the ministry of pastoral care with which you have graced your church. We thank you for those who faithfully give of themselves in caring for their sick brothers and sisters.

Send your blessing upon them; shelter them in the shadow of your wings.

May they see you in the faces of those entrusted to their care, and may they share your gifts with those in need out of love for Christ our Lord who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.