

# Summer

## a service of healing

### AIM

This is a service of prayer for healing. Please adapt it to your local situation.

### SUGGESTED ORDER FOR A HEALING SERVICE

#### Opening words of Scripture

Choose from Matt 11.28-30: Hebrews 4.14-16 or Matt 4.23-24:

#### Song

#### Prayer:

Be still and know that I am God - pause

Be still and know that I am - pause

Be still and know - pause

Be still - pause

Be - pause

(Silence)

**Bible Reading:** Isaiah 43.1-5a

#### Song

**Psalm:** choose from 103, 23, 139, 16, 34, 31

**Prayer of Confession** (Read together):

To you Lord all hearts are open no secrets are hidden.

Forgive our secret sins;

Forgive our habitual sins;

Forgive our unnoticed sins;

(Pause)

Our sins against ourselves,

Our sins against others,

Our sins against you.

(Pause)

Make me a clean heart O God;

Renew right Spirit within me;

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Take not your Holy Spirit from me;

Grant me your peace.

### Assurance of pardon

Hear the words Jesus says

By my Cross

You are forgiven

You are forgiven

You are forgiven

### Song

**Bible Reading** from one of the healing stories in the Gospels

**Sermon** or other Interpretation – encouraging and inspiring.

### Song

*(If the Sacrament of Communion is to take place this would be the time)*

### Explanation of Ministry of Healing to the congregation

In a moment opportunity will be given for you to receive prayer with the laying on of hands by those appointed to offer this ministry.

It may be you wish to indicate some physical, emotional, or spiritual need or anxiety that you have. There is no need for long details just simply ask a prayer for what it is you seek.

It maybe you wish to hand over to the Lord another for whom you have a care or concern that he might do for them what you cannot do and take any burden of responsibility to Himself.

It ma be you wish to say nothing but simply receive His healing touch because He knows your deepest needs far greater than you do yourself.

Whether you come forward or remain seated allow the Spirit to speak and minister the love of Christ to you and yours.

Prayers for those ministering will be said first that they be open channels to God's healing grace for you.

### Laying on hands with prayer.

### Music

*If music is to be offered during the time of ministry make sure it is not obtrusive or loud. Appropriate CD's quietly playing in the background are best or a sensitive musician playing quietly. Choirs and music groups should be open to a time of prayer for themselves rather than singing, allowing them to receive as well.*

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## End of ministry of healing prayer

Those laying on hands should gather together for a simple prayer of 'release' handing over to God all those to whom they have given ministry and releasing themselves from this ministry until call upon another time.

## Lord's Prayer:

## Song

## Blessing

## EVALUATION

Please try to answer these questions for yourself and for others who will use this material:

1. What was the most helpful thing?
2. What was the least helpful thing?
3. What would you like to try now?

## THE NEXT STEP

If you want more seasonal materials please revisit the website. The ministry of healing is one theme for summer this prayer year.

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