



HEALING SERVICE

*Welcome.
We are glad you are here.*

The Singing Bowl is invited followed by a moment of silence.

Opening song Spirit of the living God

Daniel Iverson (1890–1977)

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1.

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The second system continues the vocal line with a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

The third system features a vocal line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line.

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The fourth system concludes the vocal line with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line.

Invitatory and Psalter

Leader O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

All **G**lory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O Gracious Light *Read responsively*

text by The Brilliance

Reader O Gracious Light, so pure and bright

All **Dispel the darkness of our hearts**
That by Your brightness we may know the light

Reader Incarnate Word, grant that the light
Deep and kindled in our hearts
May shine forth and give us divine life

All **Bring Your peace hope and love**
Bring Your peace Gracious One

Reader Dayspring of life, to light from light

All **Pour into every broken heart**
Peace and virtue bound by the light

Reader Oh Jesus Christ, holy and blessed
We sing Thy praises in our hearts
God of heaven, giver of all life

All **Bring Your peace hope and love**
Bring Your peace Gracious One

Reader O Gracious Light, so pure and bright

All **Dispel the darkness of our hearts**
That by Your brightness we may know the light

Calm Me, Lord

Margaret Rizza

Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;
Still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease;
Enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

Psalm 34 *Read responsively by half verse*

I will praise the Lord at all times. *

I will constantly speak his praises.

I will boast only in the Lord; *

let all who are helpless take heart.

Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; *

let us exalt his name together.

I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. *

He freed me from all my fears.

Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; *

no shadow of shame will darken their faces.

In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; *

he saved me from all my troubles.

For the angel of the Lord is a guard; *

he surrounds and defends all who fear him.

Taste and see that the Lord is good. *

Oh, the joy of those who take refuge in him!

Fear the Lord, you his godly people, *

for those who fear him will have all they need.

Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, *

but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing.

Come, my children, and listen to me, *

and I will teach you to fear the Lord.

Does anyone want to live a life that is long and prosperous? *

Then keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies!

Turn away from evil and do good. *

Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right; *

his ears are open to their cries for help.

But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil; *

he will erase their memory from the earth.

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. *

He rescues them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; *

he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

The righteous person faces many troubles, *

but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

For the Lord protects the bones of the righteous; *

not one of them is broken!

Calamity will surely destroy the wicked, *

and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

But the Lord will redeem those who serve him. *

No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Gospel lesson Luke 8:43-48

New Living Translation

A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.

“Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

Everyone denied it, and Peter said, “Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you.” But Jesus said, “Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me.” When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed.

“Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

You Are the Center

Margaret Rizza

You are the center, you are my life,
You are the center, O Lord, of my life.
Come, Lord and guide me, Lord of my life;
Send me your Spirit, Lord of my life.
You are the center, Lord, of my life.

You are the center, you are my life,
You are the center, O Lord, of my life.
Come, Lord and heal me, Lord of my life;
Come, Lord, and teach me, Lord of my life.
You are the center, Lord, of my life.

Give me your Spirit and teach me your ways,
Give me your peace, Lord, and set me free.
You are the center, you are my life,
You are the center, O Lord, of my life

The Prayers: Litany of Healing *from The Book of Occasional Services of the Episcopal Church*

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Let us pray.

Leader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Leader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled,
that they may be made whole;

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by unforgiveness and human sin, the failure to love, in our lives, in our nation, and in our world;

People Hear us, O Lord of life.

Leader You are the Lord who does wonders;

People You have declared your power among the peoples.

Leader With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

People And in your light we see light.

A Time for Prayer and Healing

Following the litany, we will enter into a time of prayer with meditative music. All are invited to come forward to request and receive healing prayers from our healing prayer ministers — two members of the Daughters of the King. Alternately, you are welcome to use this time as you feel led. Options might include: to sit in silent meditation and prayer, write a prayer for personal use using the bulletin insert, submit a prayer request in the box located at the rear of the church, come forward to light a candle and to pray.

Collect for Healing

People Lord Jesus, ever-present source of abundant life, heal us of our weaknesses, illnesses, and infirmities, that we might find relief and wholeness and be ever more able to love and serve the world in your love. Through you, our teacher and guide, and with the Father and the Holy Spirit, together one God, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Nova Vita

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four vocal parts (1-4) and a piano accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Thanksgiving

Leader Let us now give thanks to God.

People **Gracious God, you have given us much. Grant us a thankful spirit.
Into your hands we commend ourselves and those we love.
Be with us. Renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Blessings

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Leader **H**is divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader **O**ur Lord Jesus Christ be with you to defend you,
within you to keep you,
before you to lead you,
beside you to guard you,
behind you to uphold you,
and above you to bless you. **Amen.**

You are welcome to stay quietly as long as you wish or exit the church when you are ready.



“All shall be well, all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well. For there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go.”

— Julian of Norwich

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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