

To Be Made Well

Bleeding Woman / Jarius Daughter

Mark 5:21-43; Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 8:41-56

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Calls to Worship

L: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

ALL: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

L: Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

ALL: Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

RE:Worship <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/06/call-to-worship-prayer-psalm-130.html>

L: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones

ALL: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow

L: Where there was no way

ALL: God leads us in a new way

L: Where there was no mercy

ALL: God surprises us with fresh mercy

L: Where there was weeping

ALL: God invites us to step into a new dance.

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L: Beloved, when hope is high, abundance surrounds us, and we bask in the goodness of God's provision, God calls to us...

ALL: Open your heart and your hands.

L: When disaster strikes, need overwhelms the senses, and we carry the weight and worry of a perilous present and unknown future, God calls to us...

ALL: Open your heart and your hands.

L: When we are moved with compassion, our hearts urging us to reach out to support our siblings in Christ, God calls to us...

ALL: Open your heart and your hands.

L: Children of God, as we gather for worship today, listen! God call us to open our hearts and our hands to one another in need and in abundance.

ALL: May our worship open our hearts and our hands to one another as we learn to share with one another in all seasons, for we are all one in the Body of Christ. Amen.

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L: Come, all who are searching for hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty.

People: We come, reaching out for healing and life.

L: A woman dares to touch the hem of Christ's garment. A father kneels, pleading for his child.

P: We come with our own desperate prayers and fragile faith.

L: Jesus stops, listens, and calls each by name.

P: We come, trusting that Jesus sees us and hears us.

L: "Do not be afraid," Jesus says, "believe."

P: We come to worship the One whose love makes us whole.

Written by Rev. Jeff Lathrop

Opening Prayers

Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy. Amen.

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Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace, In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

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Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being, the God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day.

Please remove from our minds and hearts whatever impediments hinder worship or dampen our joy. Increase within us that holy longing for closeness which can open our lives to fuller delight and to a deeper commitment.

May our hymns and prayers, our searching thoughts, and our hearing of the Scriptures, be an exercise in the holiest love making. By you, with you and for you, may our lives publish your praise. In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

Written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Compassionate God, we come before you with trembling hands and hopeful hearts.

Like the woman in the crowd, we long to touch your healing grace. Like Jairus, we carry prayers too heavy to speak aloud. We confess that fear often clouds our faith, and doubt silences our trust. Yet you stop for us. You call us beloved. You speak life. Restore what has been drained from us. Raise us from places of despair and exhaustion. Strengthen our faith to believe that your mercy is stronger than our fear and your love stronger than death. Send us out as witnesses to your healing power, that others may find hope through you. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

Written by Rev. Jeff Lathrop

Children's Message Idea "Jesus Sees You"

What You'll Need

- A long scarf or piece of fabric (to represent Jesus' robe)
- Optional: a small bell or noisemaker
- Optional: masking tape (to mark space)

Leader:

"Friends, today I need your help telling a story about Jesus. This is a story where *a lot* is happening at once. Everyone take one small step toward me. This is what a crowd looks like." (*Have the children stand close together. Let them gently crowd around you.*)

"Now—hands up if you've ever had to wait a long time for something." (*Acknowledge responses.*)

"Hands up if you've ever been really sick—or know someone who has." (*Acknowledge gently.*)

Leader: "In our story, there is a dad named **Jairus**. He is very important in his town—but today, he is just a dad who is scared." (*Kneel or lower your voice.*)

"His daughter is very, very sick. And he runs to Jesus and says, 'Please come. My child needs you.'"

Ask the kids:

- "How do you think Jairus feels right now?"
(*Let them answer: scared, worried, sad.*)

"Jesus says, 'Yes. I will come.' And they start walking—but then something surprising happens."

(*Hold up the scarf.*) "While Jesus is walking, someone in the crowd needs help too. She has been sick for *a long, long time*." (*Have the kids take one step back, then step forward again*)

"She doesn't shout. She doesn't push. She doesn't interrupt with her voice. She reaches out—very quietly—and touches Jesus' robe." (*Invite one child to gently touch the scarf.*)

"And when she does—she is made well." (*Pause.*)

"But Jesus *stops*." (*Freeze. Ask the kids to freeze too*)

"Jesus looks around and says, 'Who touched me?'"

Ask: "Why do you think Jesus stopped?" "Do you think Jesus already knew who it was?"

Then say: "Jesus doesn't stop to scold her. Jesus stops to see her."

(*Look around at the children.*)

"He calls her *Daughter*. He tells her she is brave. He tells her she is well."

(*Lower your voice again.*) "But while Jesus stops... something hard happens. Jairus hears that his daughter has died." (*Let that moment be quiet.*)

Ask softly: "What do you think Jairus feels now?"

"Jesus looks at Jairus and says, 'Do not be afraid. Trust me.'" (*Invite the children to follow you a few steps.*)

"Jesus goes to the little girl. He takes her hand." (*You can take a child's hand gently -- with permission.*)

"And he says, 'Get up.' And she does." (*Invite the child to stand or jump lightly.*)

"Life comes back. Hope comes back. Joy comes back."

Leader: "Here's what I want you to remember today."

1. "Jesus sees people others don't always notice."
2. "Jesus cares about bodies, hearts, and feelings."
3. "Being made well doesn't always mean fast—but it always means love."

Ask: "What are some ways people need to be made well today?"
(*Body, feelings, sadness, fear, loneliness.*)

Closing prayer

LEADER: "Jesus, you see us."

Kids: "Jesus, you see us."

LEADER: "Jesus, you love us."

Kids: "Jesus, you love us."

LEADER: "Jesus, make us well."

Kids: "Jesus, make us well." Amen.

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Unison Prayers/Prayers of the People

Call to Confession

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change. (*silence*)

Litany of Confession

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

God have mercy.

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

Christ have mercy.

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

God have mercy.

Assurance of Grace

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God, and pass the peace of Christ in community among us.

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Let us pray, responding to the phrase, "Jesus Christ, lover of all," with the words, **"bring healing, bring peace."**

Christ our Lord, long ago in Galilee, many who were sick and suffering needed friends to bring them to your side. Confident of your goodness, we now bring to you those who need your healing touch. We name before you those who are ill in body, whose illness is long, or painful, or difficult to cure, those who suffer restless days and sleepless nights. (pause and/or name friends) Jesus Christ, lover of all, **bring healing, bring peace.**

We name before you those who are troubled in mind, distressed by the past, or dreading the future, those who are trapped and cast down by fear. (pause and/or name friends) Jesus Christ, lover of all, **bring healing, bring peace.**

We name before you those for whom light has been turned to darkness by the death of a loved one, the breaking of a friendship, or the fading of hope. (pause and/or name friends) Jesus Christ, lover of all, **bring healing, bring peace.**

In silence we name before you those whose names we may not say aloud. (silent pause) Jesus Christ, lover of all, **bring healing, bring peace.**

We ask your guidance for those who are engaged in medical research, that they may persevere with vision and energy; and for those who administer agencies of health and welfare, that they may have wisdom and compassion. (pause) Jesus Christ, lover of all, **bring healing, bring peace.**

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Pastoral Prayers

God our holy Friend, you allow us share some of your love for the world. While we are here praying for the world's healing, others are busy implementing that healing. Later, when we are out there trying to give of our best, may others remember to pray for us.

Give your grace to all peacemakers; those who endeavour to resolve with justice all conflicts between nations, and within communities, commerce and industry, parliaments, families, marriage partners, colleagues, and friends.

Let your grace support those who fight with and for neglected people; those small ethnic groups with no political clout, the little people who are being ripped off by the rich and unscrupulous, and the deserted wives or husbands who are raising a family alone.

Endow the merciful folk with your sustaining grace; those who treat diseases, bind up wounds, feed the hungry, re-settle the homeless, care for the orphan, visit the prisoner, encourage the handicapped, watch with the dying and grieve with the sorrowful.

Endorse the work of this church with your enabling grace. Keep it close to the agenda of Christ. Let us be joyful in worship, warm in fellowship, inclusive in outreach, open in decision making, humble and sensitive in evangelism, and gracious in our ecumenical endeavours.

Bless any servant of yours who is keeping the faith against the odds: those without the encouragement of other Christians at hand, or without even a distant congregation that can pray their names with affection. Please let your grace renew them daily, and may they know your Spirit as Friend and Counsellor.

Visit each of us with your grace, loving Friend. Dismantle our fears, build up our faith, deepen our love, clarify our goals, sharpen our insight, widen our compassion, and open our minds to the new words you wish to speak to our situation.

In the name of the patient, insightful, and healing Christ we offer these prayers. Amen.

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Can be done in two voices as well

Gracious God, You are the healer. You are the One who makes bodies whole, who mends marriages, who binds up broken hearts. Though You often heal through various means – doctors, medicines, surgeries, loving friends, forgiveness – You are still the source of all health and healing. You are the One who defines wholeness and who gives it as a gift.

Dear Lord, continue to heal me where I am broken. You see those places, Lord, even when I don't see them. Heal my fears, my sadness, my inner brokenness. Make me the whole person You have created and saved me to be.

Yet I know, Lord, that full healing doesn't come in this life. I look forward to the time when I shall stand before You completed, made perfect through Your grace. In the meanwhile, may I discover more of Your wholeness each day.

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Offertory Prayers

Generous God, we offer our gifts with open hearts, recognizing that our generosity reflects our faith in you and your actions in the world. Just as the Corinthian church desired to give, may our giving be a reflection of the gospel in which we believe. Help us to share according to what we have, knowing that in the body of Christ, we are bound together in a relationship, offering help and hope to one another. Amen.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/open-your-heart/sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/sixth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-offertory-prayer>

Gracious God, we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone, but to all our siblings, since they too are created in your image. Let their need become our need; let their hunger become our hunger; and grant to us also a portion of their pain, so that in sharing ourselves, we discover the Christ who walks with our siblings and us. Amen.

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Benedictions

Children of God, may you go from this place carrying the genuineness of your love in your hearts, blessed by Christ who saves you to open your hands and pour out your love in generosity and compassion with and for your neighbors. Amen.

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May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness and protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he will show you.

May He bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

From the Celtic Daily Prayer Book

Suggested Hymns

UMH 509 Jesus Savior Pilot Me
UMH 589 The Church of Christ In Every Age
UMH 378 Amazing Grace
UMH 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
UMH 474 Precious Lord Take my Hand
UMH 263 When Jesus The Healer Passed
through Galilee
FWS 2213 Healer of our Every Ill
FWS 2244 People Need The Lord
FWS 2152 Change My Heart O God

Contemporary Songs

You Say	Lauren Daigle
Redeemed	Big Daddy Weave
Come As You Are	Crowder
It is Well	All Sons & Daughters
Healer	Hillsong
Mended	Matthew West
Oceans	Hillsong
Beautifully Broken	Plumb
Fearless	Murray
Overcomer	Mandisa
Peace Be Still	Hope Darst
Unstoppable God	Sanctus Real