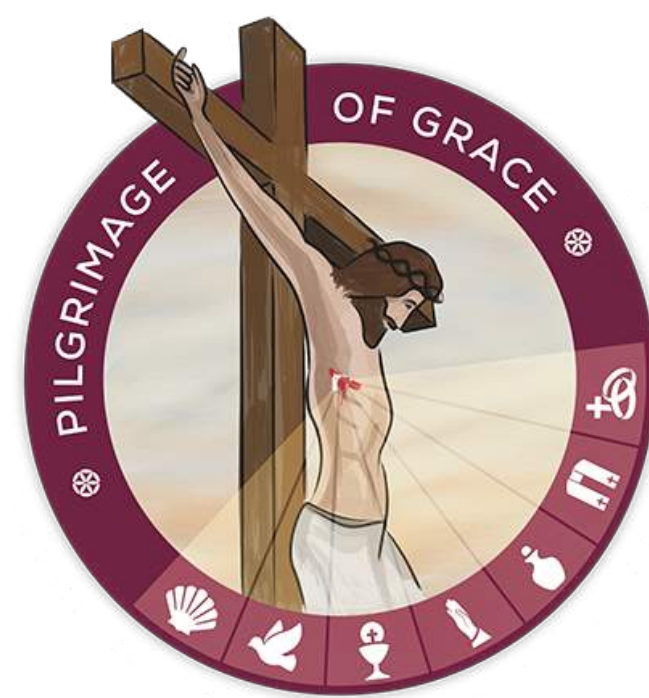


PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE

LENT 2022



Anointing of the Sick

Opening Prayer:

My dear friends, we are gathered here in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who is present among us. As the gospels relate, the sick came to him for healing; moreover, he loves us so much that he died for our sake.

Through the apostle James, he has commanded us: "Are there any who are sick among you? Let them send for the priest of the Church, and let the priest pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick persons, and the Lord will raise them up; and if they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them." (James 5:14)

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:18-23

The healing hand of Christ is a sign of the presence of God—to console and strengthen us.

The disciples of John told him about all these things. John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" When the men came to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?'" At that time he cured many of their diseases, sufferings, and evil spirits; he also granted sight to many who were blind. And he said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Reception of the Sick:

Christ taught his disciples to be a community of love. In praying together, in sharing all things, and in caring for the sick, they recalled his words: "Insofar as you did this to one of these, you did it to me."

We gather today to witness to this teaching and to pray in the name of Jesus the healer that the sick may be restored to health. Through this prayer and anointing, we invoke his healing power.

Prayer:

God of compassion, you take every family under your care and know our physical and spiritual needs. Transform our weakness by the strength of your grace and confirm us in your covenant so that we may grow in faith and love.

Litany of Christ the Healer:

- Lord Jesus, Son of David and Son of God

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who bore our griefs and carried our sorrow

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who went about preaching the Good News and curing all kinds of disease and sickness

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who raised to life the daughter of Jairus, and the only son of the widow Nain

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who cured Simon Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and woman suffering from hemorrhages

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who delivered the tormented daughter of the Canaanite woman

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who cured the centurion's paralyzed servant the epileptic boy who could not speak

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who restored the sight of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar of Jericho and who healed many lepers

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who cured the man with the withered hand, and who made cripples whole again

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who commanded your disciples to lay hands on the sick and anoint them with oil

\Response: **Heal us and save us**

- Lord Jesus, who ordered your disciples to cast out demons in your name

\Response: **Heal us and save us Remembrance**

Lighting of candles:

- For all in our past who accompanied us through illness and fear, who reminded us that darkness would pass and offered us a healing presence.

(Light one candle, and spend a moment of silent prayer)

- For our children and our children's children, may they never forget the healing power of God.

(Light a second candle, and spend a moment of silent prayer)

- May God strengthen all here gathered against every physical, emotional, and mental illness and fill us with strength and hope.

(Light third candle, and spend a moment of silent prayer)

Prayer of Praise:

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

\R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

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

\R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

- Praise to you, God, the Holy Spirit, the Consoler. Your unfailing power gives us strength in our bodily weakness.

\R. Blessed be God who heals us in Christ.

Blessing of Oil:

God of all consolation, you chose and sent your Son to heal the world. Graciously listen to our prayer of faith: send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler, into this precious oil, this soothing ointment, this rich gift, this fruit of the earth.

Bless this oil and sanctify it for our use. Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with it; heal them in body, in soul, and in spirit, and deliver them from every affliction.

(anoint the sick)

Prayer After Anointing:

Father in heaven, through this holy anointing grant N. comfort in his/her suffering. When he/she is afraid, give him/her courage, when afflicted, give him/her patience, when dejected, afford him/her hope, and when alone, assure him/her of the support of your holy people.

Final Blessing:

May the God of all consolation bless you in every way and grant you hope all the days of your life. R. Amen May God restore you to health and grant you salvation. R. Amen May God fill your heart with peace and lead you to eternal life.

\R. Amen.

