

# Service of Healing for the Loss of a Child to Miscarriage, Illness, Injury, or Abortion

**Service of Healing the Loss of a Child** - Please enter quietly and be seated.

**(Please stand upon entrance of the clergy)**

*Celebrant:* Bless the Lord Who forgives all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endures for ever.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy.

**People:** Christ, have mercy.

*Celebrant:* Lord, have mercy. The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O God of peace, You have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of Your Spirit lift us, we pray to Your presence, where we may be still and know that You are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to Him:*

*For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help. (Psalm 22:24)*

*God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*

*Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you have against one another.*

*Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)*

*Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. (Acts 10:43)*

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)*

*We also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, for God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given us.*

*(Romans 5:2-5)*

*In His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind (Job 12:10)*

*All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (Psalm 139:16)*

**(Seated)**

**The Lesson:** Isaiah 61, verses 1-3 & 10.

**(Said in unison)**

Psalm 103, verses 1-12.

**(Standing)**

**The Gospel:** John 10, verses 22-30.

**(Seated)**

**The Message:**

### **INTERCESSIONS**

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

**(Kneeling)**

*Celebrant: Seeing that we have a great High Priest Who has passed into the heavens, Jesus Christ, the Son of God let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may have mercy, and find grace to help in our time of need*

*O God, make speed to save us.*

**People: O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

*Heavenly Father, You have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as You know and love us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.***

*Let us hold before You those children, by name, who we have commended to Your loving and perpetual care, dear Lord*

*(The People may now offer, aloud, the names of those children who have died due to injury, illness, miscarriage or abortion.)*

*And for ourselves and all others known to us:*

*(The People may now offer, aloud, their own names, and others known to them, in need of healing--spiritually, emotionally and/or physically.)*

*Celebrant: Blessed Jesus, we bring ourselves into Your loving presence, and on the stretchers of our prayers, all those we have just now lifted by name in prayer. Take from us all fear and help us ever to put our trust in You, that we may feel beneath us, Your everlasting arms. Cleanse us of all unforgiveness, self-blame, resentment, jealousy, self-pity, pride, or anything else that might block Your healing love. Fill us with the sense of*

*Your loving presence, that we may experience the Kingdom of Love in our hearts. Touch us with Your divine, transforming power, that we may be healed and live to glorify You, to be used by You to build Your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We thank You.*

**Amen.**

*Celebrant: Let us now pray for ourselves, first putting ourselves, body, soul, and spirit, in the healing presence of Christ.  
Lord hear our prayer.*

**People: And let our cry come unto You.**

*Celebrant: O Lord, save Your servants.*

**People: Who put their trust in You.**

*Celebrant: Send unto them help from above.*

**People: And evermore mightily defend them.**

*Celebrant: As I abide in Christ, I am supplied with all the spiritual resources required for my needs...*

**People: As I abide in Christ, I am free from fear and have quietness and confidence within.**

*Celebrant: As I abide in Christ, I am at one with God and know the peace of God which passes all understanding.*

**People: I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.**

*Celebrant: I believe in the Son of God, therefore, I am in Him.*

**People: Give peace for all time, O Lord, and fill the hearts of all men everywhere with the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Celebrant: Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

**ALL: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*Celebrant: May God in His love enlighten your hearts that you may remember in truth all your sins and His unfailing love.*

**Amen.**

*In our confession, let us think not only of our sins of commission, but also the sins of omission. Help us to be honest with ourselves and repent of such sins as pride, anger, bitterness, worry, hurt feelings, resentment, jealousy, spiritual pride, living in the past, self-love, self-pity, blame, self-blame, unforgiveness.*

*Help us to overcome the pain of our loss and enable us to experience true repentance and seek to amend our ways.*

**ALL:** O Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Have mercy upon us, O God, after Your great goodness; According to the multitude of Your great mercies, Do away our offenses and cleanse us from our sins; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit.*  
**Amen.**

### **INVOCATION**

**(Standing)**  
**Hymn (all sing)**

#### **I Will Change Your Name**

I will change your name, you shall no longer be called,  
Wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid.

I will change your name, your new name shall be  
Confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one.

I will change your name, you shall no longer be called  
Wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid.

I will change your name, your new name shall be  
Faithfulness, friend of God, one who seeks My Face.  
DJ. Butler Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

*Celebrant: Let us now join together in The Prayer of Faith.*

**ALL:** Our loving Father, we come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord for each one of us who has a need for healing. We thank You that You have made a promise in Your Word to raise us up so that our needs are met. We now pray the prayer of faith so that Your promise is made effective in full and blessed reality in this life. Father, we now accept Your promise of healing for us and with us. We believe that we receive this blessing so that we do not doubt in our hearts. By faith, we affirm that You are now raising us up. For the blessings that we will see at once, we thank You by sight; and for the blessings that we do not see at once, we thank You by faith. But whether it is by sight or by faith, we praise Your Name through Christ. Amen.

**(Seated)**

## **A TIME OF INDIVIDUAL PRAYER AND THE LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS**

At this time, an invitation is given to receive prayer. Those who desire prayers for themselves may simply raise their hands until someone has come to them, at their seats, and prayed with them. Those not seeking prayers from others, are welcome to spend this time in silent prayer and meditation.

## **A TIME OF SHARING**

Following prayer time, an invitation is given welcoming the sharing of thanksgivings and praises to the Lord for what He has done or is doing. Someone will bring a microphone to those who indicate, by raising their hands, a desire to share.

*Celebrant: The Almighty Lord Who is a strong tower to all those who put their trust in Him, to Whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; be now and evermore Your defense; and make you know and feel that there is no other Name under heaven given to man, in Whom, and through Whom, you may receive healing and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

**(Standing)**

## **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

A loving time of greeting and blessing one another in the Peace and Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hymn (all sing)**

### **I Believe In Jesus**

I believe in Jesus, I believe He is the Son of God

I believe He died and rose again

I believe He came for us all.

And I believe that He's here now. (Echo: I believe He's here)

Standing in our midst

Here with the power to heal now (Echo: With the power to heal)

And the grace to forgive.

I believe in You, Lord. I believe You are the Son of God

I believe You died, and rose again.

I believe You came for us all

And I believe You are here now, (Echo: I believe that You're here)

Standing in our midst  
Here with the power to heal now (Echo: Jah the power to heal)  
And the grace to forgive.  
Marc Nelson, Mercy/Vineyard Publishing 1987.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION & ANOINTING FOR HEALING**

All are welcome to partake in the Holy Communion. The Celebrant will give instructions for the taking of the Bread and Wine and will refer you to Page 367 in the Book of Common Prayer where the liturgy is found. The servers at the altar, when you go forward, will gladly help those who are unfamiliar with receiving Communion. After receiving the Bread and the Wine, everyone is welcome and encouraged to remain at the altar rail and receive, upon your forehead, the Anointing for Healing.

## **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**(Kneeling or Seated)**

**ALL:**       **Thank You God for Your healing love at work within me.**  
              **Thank You God for Your healing love at work within the others who**  
              **are gathered here.**  
              **Thank You God for Your healing love at work within those for whom**  
              **we have interceded.**  
              **Thank You God for Your healing love at work throughout all the**  
              **world.**  
              **Thank You God for the assurance of victory.**  
              **I love You Father, I love Your Son, and I love Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

*Celebrant:    GOD THE FATHER, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve,  
                  and keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favor look upon you, and fill  
                  you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that you may so live in this  
                  life, that in the world to come you may have life everlasting. Amen.*

**Hymn (all sing)**

### **Be Unto Your Name**

We are a moment; You are forever,  
Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor; You are eternal,  
Love everlasting, reigning on high!

Refrain: Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain!  
Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your Name, be unto Your Name.

We are the broken; You are the healer.  
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save!  
You are the love song, we'll sing forever,  
Bowing before You, blessing Your Name!

(Refrain)

Lynn deShazo and Gary Sadler. Integritys Hosanna! Music.

## **The Dismissal**