GWASANAETHAU IACHÁU HEALING SERVICES

THE CHURCH IN WALES YR EGLWYS YNG NGHYMRU



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HEALING SERVICES – STRUCTURE

Healing Services should not normally take the place of the main service on a Sunday.

Optional items are marked with a *.

STRUCTURE (WHEN THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS CELEBRATED)

1

THE GATHERING

Greeting *Prayer Penitence *Gloria Collect

2 THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament reading Psalm New Testament reading Gospel Sermon

3 THE INTERCESSION

Litany of Healing or other appropriate petitions.

4 THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

Laying of Hands on those not to be anointed. Prayer of thanksgiving over the oil. Laying of Hands on those to be anointed. Anointing. The Peace.

5 THE THANKSGIVING

6 THE COMMUNION

7 THE SENDING OUT

Blessing The Dismissal

STRUCTURE

(WHEN THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS NOT CELEBRATED)

1 THE GATHERING

Greeting *Prayer Penitence *Gloria Collect

2 THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

One or more readings from Holy Scripture. Sermon

3 THE INTERCESSION

Litany of Healing or other appropriate petitions. The Lord's Prayer.

4 LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

Laying of Hands on those not to be anointed. Prayer of thanksgiving over the oil. Laying of Hands on those to be anointed. Anointing. * The Peace

5 THE SENDING OUT

Blessing The Dismissal, the Grace *or* another appropriate ending.

NOTES AND SELECTED TEXTS

1 THE GATHERING

After the greeting, the president may introduce the service using the following or other suitable words

Our Lord Jesus Christ showed compassion to the sick in body mind and spirit, forgiving their sins, healing their infirmities, restoring them to wholeness. By Christ's wounds we have been healed; in his passion and resurrection he defeated suffering and death, giving us the promise of eternal life. Saint Paul reminds us that we fall short of the glory of God, having marred His image in us through sin but in his loving kindness God restores us by His grace being justified by by faith.

In faithful obedience, the Church shares this ministry of restoration and healing. In the power of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles brought comfort and healing to the suffering through prayer, the laying on of hands and anointing in the name of the Lord. This is entrusted to us until such time as Christ shall come again when death shall be no more and mourning, crying and pain shall cease. In firm hope of the new creation in Christ we bring to God our prayers and penitence, asking Him for healing, reconciliation and peace which belong to the life of His Kingdom.

The prayers beginning Father of Glory and Heavenly Father from An Order for the Holy Eucharist 2004 may be omitted. The following extended Kyrie may be used.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

One of the collects from the Order for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist *in* The Ministry to the Sick, *or the following collect, may be used.*

Almighty God, who, by the resurrection of your Son, gave us a sign of victory over suffering and death; pour out your Holy Spirit upon your people, that, strong in faith and hope, we may be restored to your image and reflect your glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Appropriate readings should be selected from Appendix 8 of The Ministry to the Sick,

If the Holy Eucharist is being celebrated, at least two passages should be read, of which the second should be from the Gospels.

If the Holy Eucharist is not being celebrated, there should be at least one reading.

3 THE INTERCESSION

The following Litany of Healing may be used. Additional petitions, including names, may be included.

God the Father, have mercy on us.

God the Son, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy and blessed Trinity, have mercy upon us and save us.

For those who suffer in body **Hear us, good Lord.**

For the distressed in mind and spirit **Hear us, good Lord.**

For those burdened by sin **Hear us, good Lord.**

For all of us who fall short of your glory **Hear us and save us.**

For strength to endure **Hear us, good Lord.**

For hope to sustain **Hear us, good Lord.**

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For the grace of the Holy Spirit **Hear us, good Lord.**

For and for all of us present **Hear us and save us.**

In your great mercy look with compassion on your people,

hear our prayers, pardon our sins and bring us to eternal life.

Lord, hear us and have mercy.

If the Holy Eucharist is not being celebrated, the Lord's Prayer is said straight after the Intercession.

4 LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

If the laying on of hands alone is to be administered. Use Section A. If the laying on of hands to be accopmpanied by anointing, use Section B.

A. The Laying on of Hands.

The following words are used, or silence is kept.

N, in the name of God the Father, may you be released from your suffering and may your health be restored according to his holy will.

In the name of God the Son, may you be filled with new life.

In the name of God the Holy Spirit, may you receive inward health and the peace that passes all understanding. **Amen.**

B. The Laying on of Hands and Anointing.

Oil is brought to the president.

If the oil of healing is to be blessed, the president uses these words

Heavenly Father, giver of health and salvation, send your Holy Spirit on this oil that, as your holy apostles anointed many that were sick and healed them, so those who in faith and repentance receive this holy unction may be made whole and, if it be your will, restored to health, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. **Amen.** If the oil has been previously blessed, the president says

Let us pray

Blessed be God the Father, who sent his Son for the healing of the nations **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be Christ our Lord who healed the sick and saved us from sin **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be the Holy Spirit who continually anoints us with grace and power **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed God, Holy Trinity look with mercy on your servants to be anointed comfort them and set them free Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal Have mercy on us.

Those who are to be anointed now receive the laying on of hands

N, in the Name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, may you be released from your suffering and may your health be restored according to his holy will. **Amen.**

The priest anoints each one on the forehead and both hands, saying

As we anoint you outwardly with this holy oil, so may our heavenly Father anoint you inwardly with the gift of the Holy Spirit, that you may receive healing of all your infirmities of body, mind and spirit. May the merciful Father comfort you, give you confidence in his mercy and keep you always in peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If the Holy Eucharist is being celebrated, the Peace is given. Its use is optional when the Holy Eucharist is not being celebrated.

The Peace may be introduced with an appropriate sentence. Sentences 5, 9, 11, 12, 17,18, 19 and 22 from Holy Eucharist 2004 are all suitable for use at Healing Services.

5 THE THANKSGIVING

Preface 31 from Holy Eucharist 2004 is used.

6 THE COMMUNION

7 THE SENDING OUT

If the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, one of the post-communions prayers from the Order for the Holy Eucharist in The Ministry to the Sick may be used. The service then ends with the Blessing and Dismissal.

If the Holy Eucharist has not been celebrated, the service ends with the Blessing and the Dismissal, the Grace or another suitable ending.

One of the following, or another appropriate blessing, is used.

The peace of God which is beyond all understanding guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ: and the belssing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Or

May the God of compassion surround you with his love.

Amen.

May the cross of Christ be to you a sign of victory **Amen**.

May the Holy Spirit continually anoint you with healing grace **Amen.**

May God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, guard and preserve you now and always. **Amen.**

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