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**C: Blessed be God.**

P: Praise to You, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with Your mighty and life-giving power.

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P: Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain Your servants with Your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit; and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve You now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

**ANNOINTING AND PRAYER**

*Those who wish to come forward may come forward just as we do at Communion, and kneel at the communion rail. There the pastor and some of the servant ministers of Salem will make the sign of the Cross with a little bit of oil on a person’s forehead, and say the words: O God the Father and the Giver of health and salvation: as the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, at His command, anointed many that were sick, send now Your Holy Spirit, that Your servant, anointed with this oil, may in repentance and faith be made whole; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

What kinds of things do some people desire healing for? Some have serious diseases like cancer and ask for relief and remission. For some others healing means a peaceful death. Others ask for healing from bitterness, worry, nagging envy or jealousy – or just plain impatience that gets in the way of relationships.

*Those who do not desire to come forward for the oil and blessing may remain in the pew and listen to the music, sing the hymns, and pray and meditate about those things in their own life about which they know need the Lord’s healing touch.*

Songs during anointing and prayer -

- “Be Still, My Soul” LW 510
- “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LW 115
- “There’s Room at the Cross For You” SH 67
- As needed:
- “I Love You, Lord” SH 53

**S E N D I N G**

P: Let us pray:

The Almighty Lord – a strong tower to all who put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey – be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us pray.

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give You thanks for all Your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank You for the gift of Your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by Your Holy Spirit to be assured of Your power in our lives and to trust in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and  
ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN** - “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LW 285

**POSTLUDE** - “Te Deum” - Charpentine

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 === **Mission: SALEM/Peace - As the Father sent me I send you.** ===  
**Vision: Preach – Teach – Heal – doing what Jesus does.**  
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