

# A Service of Healing with Holy Eucharist for the Victims of Human Trafficking: Rite Two (Expansive Language)

*Hymn*      *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*Celebrant*    Peace be in this place and all who dwell in it.

*People*        *And also with you.*

*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 Celebrant continues*

*Celebrant*    God be with you.

*People*        *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, You have created us, Your people, to do Your work in Your world. Be with, protect, and comfort all those who are in situations of fraud, force, and coercion, especially those ensnared in human trafficking and those who minister to or care for them. Through Your Holy Spirit, open the hearts of this country and the world, and enliven all our minds as we remember those who are sold in our midst, and inspire us to proclaim the freedom You offer to all through Your well-beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### The Rev. Rose Anne Lonsway: A Reading from Lamentations 5:1, 11, 13, 15

Oh God, remember what has happened to us;  
consider and see our degradation.

The women in Zion have been raped,  
the young girls in the town of Judah.

Youths have been put to the mill,  
boys stagger under loads of wood.

Joy has vanished from our hearts;  
Our dancing has turned to mourning.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### Steven Simkins: Psalm 121:1-8

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

*Silence may follow.*

### **The Rev. Margaret D’Anieri: A Reading from Matthew 19:13-14**

Then the little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **Marty Burkett: Psalm 139:1-17**

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?

- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,”
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than  
the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

*Silence may follow.*

## The Rev. Chris Decatur: A Reading from Mark 9:36-37

Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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*People* Thanks be to God.

### A Reflection

The Very Rev. Bernard Owens

### Catherine Smyth-Zajc: The Prayers of the People

We pray for open hearts to see the consequences of politics and economics that cause poverty.

Compassionate God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for open hearts to see how desperate people are vulnerable to exploitation.

Compassionate God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for open hearts to hear the cries for help from exploited men, women, and children.

Compassionate God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for open hearts to support those who reach out to help the victims of child labor.

Compassionate God: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for open hearts so that our eyes see, our ears hear, our minds engage and our wills shape action.

Compassionate God: **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

God of compassion and justice, open our hearts to pray “Your kingdom come” with such passion that our lives become part of the answer to our prayer, so that you will is done on Earth as in heaven. Amen.

*Prayer from the Sisters of the Holy Cross; Intercession and Closing Prayer from World Vision prayers for Abolitionist Sunday*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
we have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ, that  
we may abide in your love and serve  
only your will. Amen.

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

### **Sandy Luther: A Prayer for Human Trafficking Healing:**

Lord Christ, you said you came: "...to set the captives free." In our world young men and women who are trafficked are modern day slaves. Help these young people not to lose hope. Give the grace for elected officials to grow in awareness of and to take active steps to eradicate this horror. May they find the wisdom not to prosecute the victims of trafficking but to bring to justice those who perpetrate this crime. Give the grace of conversion to those who mistreat others for their own personal gain.

Help all people to realize that trafficking is a crime against human dignity and may many join the efforts to stop trafficking and help the victims of it to begin anew. *Amen.*

*Prayer adapted from a prayer by Sr. Veronica Piccone, MSC*

*Invitation to silence for those individuals who are presently affected by trafficking.*

*Celebrant*

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*           And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## **Offertory Sentence**

# **The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D**

*The Celebrant sings*

God be with you.

*People*           And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*           We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*           It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all law enforcement officers who investigate human trafficking, keep them safe and give them wisdom and discernment.

Remember all your people and those who seek your truth. Remember especially the people who are currently being trafficked, the nameless ones, and those whose stories have been rewritten. Give them strength and bring them to freedom.

Remember all who have died while trafficked and bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ  
has taught us,  
we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion (Said at home)**

O Lamb of God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, my heart offers you praise and thanksgiving. I love you above all things, and I earnestly desire to receive you into my soul. And although I cannot receive you sacramentally, I invite you into my heart spiritually. May my soul be fed by this spiritual food, and may my heart know you more dearly in the breaking of this bread. Amen.

*The Celebrant takes communion on behalf of the People of God*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

*The Priest, may bless the people.*

May you be blessed with the discomfort with easy answers,  
half-truths and superficial relationships,  
so that your life has depth and vision.

May you be blessed with courage to confront injustice  
and exploitation of people,  
so that you work for justice and peace.

May you be blessed with tears to shed for those who suffer,  
so that you reach out to comfort them.  
to turn their pain into joy.

May you be blessed with enough faith and “foolishness”  
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,  
and do what others claim cannot be done.

*The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.  
*People            Thanks be to God.*



**Readers for A Healing Service**

Reading 1-The Rev. Rose Anne Longsway, Grace Church, Willoughby

Reading 2- Steven Simkins, Old Trinity Episcopal Church, Tiffin\*\*

Reading 3-The Rev. Maragaret D’Anieri, Diocese of Ohio and St. Paul Episcopal Church,  
Norwalk

Reading 4-Marty Burkett, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland\*

Reading 5-The Rev. Chris Decatur, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Cleveland\*

Reading 6- Catherine Smyth-Zajc, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland\*

Reading 7-Sandy Luther, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Cleveland\*

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