



Jesus heals

A service dedicating the medical professionals
and a prayer for healing in each of our lives

Invocation:

*Thy loving kindness is better than life
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My lips shall praise Thee, Thus will I bless Thee
Thy loving kindness is better than life*

*I lift my hands up unto Thy Name
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My lips shall praise Thee, Thus will I bless Thee
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P: The Great Healer has brought us thus far with health and happiness. While we were facing pain and suffering, sorrow and grief, discomfort and dissatisfaction, and problems and failures, He was with us. We are gathered in the awesome presence of this wonderful God to acknowledge the services of the medical profession and the healing ministry. Come, let us worship Him and express our gratitude.

Opening Hymn

**There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one! No, not one!
None else could heal all our soul's diseases,
No, not one! No, not one!**

Chorus

**Jesus knows all about our struggles,
He will guide till the day is done;
There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
No, not one! No, not one!**

**There's not an hour that He is not near us,
No, not one! No, not one!
No night so dark but His love can cheer us,
No, not one! No, not one!**

**Did ever saint find this Friend forsake him?
No, not one! No, not one!
Or sinner find that He would not take him?
No, not one! No, not one!**

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1895. Music: George C. Hugg

Kauma

**Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson, Kyrie Elieson
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

P. Glory be to the Father our Creator, to the Son our Redeemer and to the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.

C. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.

C. Blessed is He that has come and is to come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P. Holy art thou, O God

C. Holy art thou, Almighty God

P. Holy art thou, Immortal Lord.

C. O Lord ; the Messiah : who was crucified for us have mercy on us

P. O Lord , have mercy on us.

C. O Lord , have mercy on us and bless us .

P. O Lord , accept our prayers and worship and have mercy on us

C. Glory be to you , O God.

P. Glory be to you O Creator

C. Glory be to you , O King the Messiah ;who has mercy on us sinners. Bless us O Lord.

(Let us sing together the prayer that Jesus taught us)

All: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, On earth as it is done in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors .

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory ,
Forever. Amen.

(Cong to be seated)

1st Lesson: 2nd Kings 5:1-14

2nd Lesson Acts 3:1-10

Meditation

Albert Schweitzer

Philosopher, Physician & Humanitarian, 1875 - 1965

Dr. Albert Schweitzer was born on January 14, 1875 in Kaysersberg, a town in, Germany (now part of France). Schweitzer has been called the greatest [Christian](#) of his time. He based his personal philosophy on a "reverence for life" and on a deep commitment to serve humanity through thought and action. For his many years of humanitarian efforts Schweitzer was awarded the 1952 [Nobel Peace Prize](#).

By the time he was 21 Schweitzer had decided on the course for his life. For nine years he would dedicate himself to the study science, music, and theology. Then he would devote the rest of his life to serving humanity directly. Before he was 30 he was a respected writer on theology, an accomplished organist, and an authority on the life and work of the great composer [Johann Sebastian Bach](#).

In 1904 Schweitzer was inspired to become a medical missionary after reading an evangelical paper regarding the needs of medical missions. He studied medicine at the University of Strassbourg. He also raised money to establish a hospital in Africa. He founded a hospital there in 1913. Over the years he built a large hospital that served thousands of Africans. Schweitzer used his \$33,000 Nobel Prize to expand the hospital and to build a leper colony. In 1955 [Queen Elizabeth II](#) awarded Schweitzer the "Order of Merit," Britain's highest civilian honor.

A Sermon Walking

"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

In 1953 reporters gathered at a Chicago railway station waiting to meet the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

He was a big man, six-feet-four tall with bushy hair and a large mustache. Reporters were excited to see him and expressed what an honor it was meet him. Cameras were flashing, compliments were being expressed—but seeing beyond the adulation the visitor noticed an elderly Afro-American woman struggling to carry her two large suitcases.

"Excuse me," he said as he went to the aid of this woman. Picking up her cases, he escorted her to a bus and then apologized to the reporters for keeping them waiting.

The man was Dr. Albert Schweitzer himself, the famous missionary-doctor who had invested his life helping poor and sick people in Africa.

A member of the reception committee remarked to one of the reporters, "**That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking.**"

The measure of any man or woman is not their name, their fame, nor what they say—but what they do.

"Dear God, please help me to be a doer of your Word and not just a hearer. Grant that my life will also be a sermon walking. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Gratefully, in Jesus' name, Amen."

(Cong to stand)

Confession: The Healing That We Need

L: Why, O Lord, does it always seem
That we often get no reply?

When we are so very desperate
For all the answers why

C: When we need a special touch
To heal all of our sickness
A miracle that only you can do
Restoring strength to our weakness

L: We do not know the reasons why
You don't answer straight away
We only need to have faith in you
And be persistent when we pray

C: You may choose to heal much more
Than our needs of the physical
So much more is the spirit inside
That may be in need of a miracle

L: For you care so much for us
And want to see us healed
Not only in this body of ours
But in our souls as well

C: We needn't feel so downcast
As we wait upon the Lord
For the answer will come in His time
Then we shall be wholly restored

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Hymn- Moment by moment

Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine;
Living with Jesus, a new life divine;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.

chorus

*Moment by moment I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.*

Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment, I'm under His care.

Never a weakness that He doth not feel,
Never a sickness that He cannot heal;
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus my Savior, abides with me still.

Words: Daniel W. Whittle, 1893; Music: May W. Moody

(Cong to be seated)
Thanksgiving

'Who touched me?'

L: With the crowd pressing Him on every side, Peter found it a strange question. But Jesus insisted, "Someone touched Me, because I know power has gone out from me." The woman knew that she had no choice but to come to Jesus. She came trembling. Would He be angry and scold her, treat her harshly and reject her? After all, she had been unclean all these years, and besides, she was a woman.

She managed to tell Him the whole story of her miserable life, her feeling of despair and the burden of being an outcast. She took a huge risk and told it in the presence of all those people in the crowd: How the bleeding had stopped and that she had been healed. No doubt, her story came out, mixed with tears of sadness and joy.

See the tender compassion of the Saviour! Perhaps, He placed His hand on her shoulder and then He called her "Daughter," the only woman so addressed by Jesus, "Your faith has healed You, go in peace." Surely, she remembered those words for the rest of her life. By faith she had been healed, not only from her physical bleeding, but also spiritually, as she was warmly welcomed by the Saviour into His family of believers, with the parting blessing, "Go in peace."

Her life had turned around. All became new because in faith she had touched Jesus, who then had touched her with His healing power. She was never the same after that.

Make no mistake about it. The healing, saving power of Jesus is just as real today as it was then. Remember, He is the eternal Son of God. His power goes forth to all those who, like this woman, humble themselves, believe in Jesus, reach out in faith to touch Him in prayer, calling on His name.

Rev. Duane Smith (Luke 8:40-56)

Song Video: He touched me

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GIgErxNu6X4>

God's Clinic (PPT)

I went to God's Clinic to have my routine check-up and I confirmed I was ill: When God took my blood pressure, He saw I was low in tenderness. When he read my temperature, the thermometer registered high on anxiety. He ran an electrocardiogram and found that I needed several 'love bypasses' since my arteries were blocked with loneliness and could not provide for an empty heart.

I went to orthopedics, because I could not walk by my brother's side and I could not hug my friends, since I had fractured myself when tripping with envy. He also found I was shortsighted, since I could not see beyond the shortcomings of my brothers and sisters.

When I complained about deafness, the diagnosis was that I had stopped listening to God's words talking to me on a daily basis.

For all of that, God gave me a free consultation thanks to his mercifulness. So my pledge is that, once I leave this clinic, I will take the natural remedies he prescribed through his words of truth:

- Every morning, take a full glass of gratitude
- When getting to work, take one spoon of peace
- Every hour, take one pill of patience, one cup of brotherhood and one glass of humility
- When getting home, take one dose of love
- When getting to bed, take two tablets of clear conscience

Do not give in to sadness or desperation for what you are going through today.

God knows how you feel.....

God knows exactly and with perfection what is being allowed to happen to you in your life at this precise moment.

God's purpose for you is simply perfect.

He wants to show you things that only you can understand by living what you are living, and by being in the place you are now.

May God give you...

For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life sends,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.

INTERCESSION: Cong to stand

L : We come before Your throne of Grace, O God, realising our failure to understand Your will and purpose in creating humankind and for our failure in being caring for others, especially towards those who are in more need than ourselves.

C: Lord listen to your children praying
Lord send your spirit in this place

L;We come before Your throne of Grace, O God, praying and thanking You for all the healthcare professionals and institutions. We thank you especially for the mission hospitals, the doctors, nurses and para-medical staff who are committed to the healthy life of every human being. We pray for Your continued blessings upon them and their services.

C: Lord listen to your children praying
Lord send your spirit in this place

L: We come before Your throne of Grace, O God, especially praying for those who are affected and infected by disease, and seek that You intervene in their lives and assure them of Your continued healing touch.

C: Lord listen to your children praying
Lord send your spirit in this place

L: Dear Lord we pray for the Researchers and those seeking new methods of healing various diseases, especially in the cure of cancer. Lord bless them with perseverance and your guidance in innovating medicines and new techniques of healing.

C: Lord listen to your children praying
Lord send your spirit in this place
Lord listen to your children praying
Send us hope send us power send us grace

(All together)

C: When God comes to heal us
It's final and complete
There is nothing that is lacking
When He meets us in our need

Whether it be in our body
Or the hurt within our soul
He will touch the point of need
And will truly make us whole

His healing is there for you
Just receive it from the Lord
Believe upon the living word
That you can be restored

Wherever there is weakness
He is the strength we need
And He will gently lead us through
And heal the heart that bleeds

We need to rise up in our faith
And not depend on how we feel
Keep on praying and standing firm
For our God surely heals

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Gospel Reading

P: Peace be with you all

C: May the Lord make us all worthy to listen to His Word

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which proclaims life and salvation to the world as recorded by

C: Blessed is he that has come and will come again. Praise to the Father who sent him for our Salvation. May his blessings be ever upon us.

P: In the days of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, the Word of life, God incarnate of the blessed Virgin Mary, it happened in this way.

C: So we believe and affirm

(After reading the Gospel the priest says 'Peace be with you all')

C: We thank you , Lord, that you have given us your gospel which is indeed the light of the world, that we may be drawn closer to you through the living words from your gospel which we have now heard.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in the one true God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all world; Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man. He was crucified also for us in the days of Pontius Pilate; suffered and died and was buried. The third day He rose again, by His Father's holy will, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead and of His kingdom there will be no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets and the apostles.

We believe in one Holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the new life of the world to come. Amen.

(Cong to be seated)

Dedication

All Medical professional to come forward and kneel before the altar

P: Dear Lord

We thank you for doctors, nurses and all who work in the medical field. May they continue to use their knowledge and skills to bring comfort and ease to all those who suffer from various illness.

Lord, be with all who spend days and years working to bring relief to those who are sick. At times they see recovery which is wonderful but there are times when the results of treatment are disappointing – please give them strength and hope and the love to carry on.

A Healers prayer (all together)

Help me as I care
for my patients today,
Be there with me,
O Lord, I pray

Make my words kind
--it means so much--
And in my hands place
Your healing touch

Let your love shine
through all that I do,
So those in need
may hear and feel You.

Birthday & Wedding Anniversary -

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next!*

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Offertory:

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit,
Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley, Music: John Zundel,

Message- Dr Suzanne John

Concluding thought

Ida Sophia Scudder

The idea of starting a hospital occurred to Ida Sophia Scudder in the late 1800s, when Ida visited her medical missionary father, John Scudder, Jr., at his post in Tamil Nadu. One night, Ida was asked to help three women from different families struggling in difficult childbirth. Custom prevented their husbands from accepting the help of a male doctor and being without training at that time, Ida herself could do nothing. The next morning she was shocked to learn that each of the three women had died. She believed that it was a calling and a challenge set before her by God to begin a ministry dedicated to the health needs of the people of India, particularly women and children. Consequently, Ida went back to America, entered medical training and, in 1899, was one of the first women graduates of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University;

Shortly thereafter, she returned to India and opened a one-bed clinic in Vellore in 1900. Two years later, in 1902, she built a 40-bed hospital. In 1909, she started the School of Nursing, and in 1918, a medical school for women was opened under the name Missionary Medical School for Women. The medical school was upgraded into a university affiliated medical college granting the degree of M.B.B.S. in 1942, under the name Christian Medical College. Men were admitted to this college in 1947, ten in a class of 35.

In addition to the Medical and Nursing schools that she founded, Dr. Ida frequented outlying villages and started a roadside dispensary of sorts, in 1916. Over the years, these roadside dispensaries were upgraded into rural health and development programs.

100 years since Dr. Ida Scudder opened the first clinic, the hospital of the **Christian Medical College (CMC Vellore)** now caters to over 3,000 outpatients, 1,000 inpatients, 55 surgical procedures, 22 clinics, and about 30 births every day. Trained workers also go to the villages and rural areas to raise awareness about the methods of disease prevention, health care and community empowerment.

Like Dr Ida, great things can be achieved through Christ who strengthens us.

Cong to stand

P: Closing Prayer

We give thanks to You, O God, for Your protection and providence in our life; guiding and leading us in every situation

We sing praises to You, O God, for revealing Your love through our parents, siblings, friends and relatives, and for their contributions to our life.

We exalt You, O God, for the health and strength given to us through Your people who are serving as doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, pastors, counselors, hospital chaplains, and hospital administrators.

Benediction

O merciful Father, who have wonderfully fashioned man in your own image, and have made his body to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, sanctify, we pray you, our doctors and nurses and all those whom you have called to study and practice the arts of healing the sick and the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them in body and soul, and bless their work, that they may give comfort to those for

whose salvation your Son became Man, lived on this earth, healed the sick, and suffered and died on the Cross. Amen.
May the triune God bless us all.

Doxology & Kiss of Peace

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

*It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.*

Dear Name, the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!

*Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.*

*Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy Name
refresh my soul in death!*

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), 1779

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