

**ECUMENICAL
VIGIL**
*for persons whose lives have been
touched by
HIV / AIDS*



**SERVICE OF
LIGHT**
*with HEALING through the
LAYING ON OF HANDS*

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**Christ's Church Cathedral
252 James Street North
Hamilton**

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world
around,

through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

GREETING

Peter Wall

The grace of Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with you all.

All: And also with you

SERVICE OF LIGHT

BIDDING AND WELCOME

Ann Macdonald

Leader: AIDS is amongst us. It confronts us personally as a society and as a church. In one way or another, directly or indirectly, it reaches into every one of our communities and into each of our lives.

All: **O God of peace, who 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. Amen.**

Leader: God sent a pillar of fire to guide the Hebrew people during the night of their escape from slavery and their pilgrimage to the Promised Land.

All: **In the same way, God has sent Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, to be our light on the pilgrimage of life. We light these candles as a sign of Christ among us.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

All: **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

(Please light your taper, when the candle comes near, and pass the light.)

A LITANY OF HOPE

*From the Resources for Healing in the Age of AIDS,
AIDS Ministries Program of Connecticut, Inc. Used with
permission*

Please stand, sit or kneel - whichever is most comfortable for you.

Leader: Peter wall

Leader: God of grace, you nurture us with a love deeper than we know, and your will for us is healing and salvation;

All: **We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: God of love, you enter into our lives, our pain and our brokenness, and you stretch out your healing hands to us wherever we are;

All: **We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: God of strength, you fill us with your presence and send us forth in love and healing among those we meet;

All: **We praise and thank you, O God.**

Leader: Touch and heal those bodies suffering from sickness, injury and disability, and make us whole again;

All: **Hear us, O God of life.**

Leader: Touch and heal our minds from darkness, confusion and doubt, and fill them with your light;

All: **Hear us, O God of life.**

Leader: Touch and heal our hearts burdened by anguish, despair and isolation, and set us free in love;

All: **Hear us, O God of life.**

Leader: Ernie Taylor

Leader: Break the bonds of our imprisonment to fear, compulsion and addiction;

All: **Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: Give us liberty from old hurts and painful memories;

All: **Come with your healing power, O God.**

Leader: Fill us with peace in our grief from separation and loss;

All: Come with your healing power, O God.

Leader: Take our hands in dying, and bring us through death into your loving presence;

All: Come with your healing power, O God.

Leader: Draw near to us, O God,

All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Be present in our sickness and pain,

All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Bill Thomas

Leader: Hear us when we cry to you,

All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Forgive us our transgressions,

All: And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Leader: We pray for the creation, the planets and stars, and the earth our home.

All: Help us to be committed and humble stewards.

Leader: We pray for the Church, and for all Bishops and Priests and all who serve in your Church; we pray for the leaders of all nations, for the Mayors and Councils of our communities;

All: May they govern with courage and be guided by compassionate strength.

Leader: We pray for the abiding presence and comfort of your Holy Spirit;

All: For it is by grace alone that we shall prosper.

Leader: We pray for courage to walk with those who are living with HIV;

All: Encourage our hearts and open our hands.

Leader: We pray for those who are afflicted with HIV and with any other grief or trouble;

All: Give us relief and quietness of spirit.

Leader: Jean Round

Leader: We pray for all HIV care-givers, hospital workers and researchers;

All: Be with them in their tasks, enliven their spirits and grant success in your time.

Leader: We pray for the families, friends, and loved ones of persons living with HIV;

All: Fill them with your healing and redemptive love.

Leader: Work through all who share in your ministry of healing, and renew us in compassion and strength;

All: Come with your healing power, O God.

Leader: Restore to wholeness all that has been broken by our sin;

All: Come with your healing power, O God.

Leader: We lift before you all who have died from HIV and AIDS, remembering especially:

All those listed in our AIDS Memorial Book will be read aloud.

Time is also provided for names to be offered by members of the congregation, either silently or aloud; those who wish, are invited to bring their lit taper forward and place it with others in the container provided. A short period of silence follows.

Leader: Jay Lefebvre

Leader: Receive them more and more into your joyful presence. Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we entrust ourselves, and one another,

All: **And all our life to Christ our God.**

Leader: O God, in you all darkness is turned to light and all brokenness is made whole. Look with compassion on us and those for whom we pray, that we may be recreated in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

HYMN:

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Servant Song

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together

of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

A PRAYER FOR LOVE AND PEACE

Leader: God, you have taught us that anything we do without love is worth nothing, for whoever lives without love is counted dead before you; Help us to recognize you now, help us through any bitterness and despair, help us accept each other, help us to remember that you care for us, and that in your will is our peace. Send your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

The First Reading: The Revelation of John 22: 1-6

HYMN:

O Healing River

Healing River

O healing river, send down your waters,
send down your waters upon this land.
O healing river, send down your waters,
and wash the blood from off the sand.

This land is parching, this land is burning,
no seed is growing in the barren ground.
O healing river, send down your waters
O healing river, send your waters down.

Let the seed of freedom awake and flourish,
let the deep roots nourish, let the tall stalks rise.
O healing river, send down your waters,
O healing river, from out of the skies

The Gospel Reading: Luke 8:22-25

REFLECTION

Meditation: Kevin Baglole

Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Petersen

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING through THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Leader: Jay Lefebvre

(The ministers of healing are drawn from several Christian denominations.)

Leader: All those who seek the ministry of healing through the laying on of hands, either for themselves or for another, are invited to come forward and kneel or stand as you wish

*During the Laying on of Hands the Rainbow Choir will sing:
Imagine* *John Lennon*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: As our Saviour Christ has taught us, let us pray:

All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your 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 PEACE *(Please stand)*

Leader: The peace of God be with you all

All: In God's justice is our peace.

Leader: Brothers and sisters, Christ calls us to live in unity,

All: We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.
(Members of the community may greet one another.)

HYMN: *(During this hymn, an offering will be received)*

Je louerai l'Éternel

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Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
je raconterai toutes tes merveilles,
je chanterai ton nom.

Je louerai l'Éternel de tout mon coeur,
je ferai de toi le sujet de ma joie. Alléluia

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways,
and glorify your name.*

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.
In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia.*

PRAYERS AT MEMORIAL STATION

Leader: Peter Wall

(Please stand)

The new memorial lamp stand will be blessed and dedicated. This beautiful piece of stained glass is a gift of the people of St. Paul's Church, Glanford. It was lovingly

Leader: God of the living and the dead: pour out the abundance of your grace upon us and show us the comfort of those who have gone before. Strengthened in this communion of love and aided by their prayers, may we continue steadfast and faithful in our time on earth; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Leader: Eternal Creator, source of life and light whose life extends to all people, all creatures, all things; grant us the reverence for life which becomes those who believe in you. Help us to recognize you in all we meet, and in that recognition reach out in love — in trust — and faith after the example of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Beach Spring

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion

healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

Postlude

We extend a warm welcome to all of you who have joined us this evening. We hope that you will stay for refreshments in Myler Hall following the service. Many thanks to Terry Jackman and friends for providing the refreshments.

Our appreciation is extended to The Right Rev. D. Ralph Spence (Bishop of Niagara), The Very Rev. Peter Wall (Dean of Niagara), The Wardens and parishioners of Christ's Church Cathedral for their hospitality and assistance on this occasion.

Our appreciation is also extended to the Rainbow Chorus (under the direction of Robert Miller), Brent Fifield and the Brian Hayman Trio for providing the music.

Anyone wishing to add a name of a loved one to our AIDS Memorial Book (which is normally located on the AIDS altar), please use the forms on the AIDS Altar.

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