

Healing Service

25th March 2020

Scripture	
Hear the word of the Lord: Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens. Our God is a God who saves; from the Sovereign Lord comes escape from death. (Psalm 68:19-20)	
Welcome	
Good evening and welcome to the Healing Service of St Andrew's Cathedral. ... although we long to be together in person We're thankful for this time now And for those of you following us on line Welcome and thank you. My name's Chris Allan I'm one of the Ministers at the Cathedral And it's a joy to be able to be with you We may not be in the same location But now – wherever you are	

And whatever time you're watching this
We join together as followers and believers of Jesus
To pray to God and rely on his strength

This is a Healing Service,
Which means we come together sharing in prayer.

For over 60 years Christians have met in the Cathedral on a Wednesday night
And importantly in that time,
Many of our prayer team have prayed remotely
Not in the Cathedral

Tonight, **we all** meet remotely
In our homes, in cars, public transport and other places
To pray.

Prayer is asking God – to do what we cannot do for ourselves.
And for God – nothing is impossible.

And tonight after we've finished streaming
We'll offer you personal prayer
On our web site – [www – DOT – Sydney Heal – DOT com](http://www.DOT-SydneyHeal.DOT.com)
Are details of how that will work
There are a number of formats
For you to get in touch with us
And have us pray for you
I hope you'll take us up on that.

This evening, although you're watching this on your screen,
We're doing this together... from your homes, as we pray together,

Essentially we'll do **four** things tonight

First: We'll praise God – for his goodness and majesty

Second: We'll recognise our need for forgiveness

Confessing our sins – and be reminded of God's amazing forgiveness

Third: We'll hear God speak to us in his word

Fourth: We'll respond to God's word in prayer

Prayer for our world

And finally for ourselves.

If you've a Bible at home

I hope you will have it with you.

In a moment, I'll be preaching from **Psalm 86 – Psalm 86**

An encouraging part of the Bible

That reminds us of God's goodness and greatness.

And I hope it'll be a spur for you

To turn to God again

And trust him.

Most of the prayers tonight will be brief

And we'll ask you to respond simply: **Amen**

Which means: I agree

We begin in prayer;

Would you join us:	
Opening Prayer	
<p>Father of Heaven You are worthy of our praise Because you stand over all things</p> <p>Father we ask that by your Spirit You would bless us wherever we meet That we might be encouraged and strengthened in our faith</p> <p>Help us to trust you in our needs Heal us in our sickness May we be of blessing to our friends Families and fellow believers</p> <p>Bless this time of ministry now May our hearts, minds and ears wherever we are now Be attentive to your word And may your Spirit work powerfully now For your glory - Amen</p>	
Confession and Absolution	
<p>Friends, before we pray for our own needs Let's consider ourselves honestly – Before a holy God</p> <p>Hear what the Apostle John says:</p>	

⁸ *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.* ⁹
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.

Let us acknowledge our failures
and return to the Lord with repentance and faith,

Let's take a moment of quietness to reflect on the areas
We need to ask God for forgiveness before I lead us in prayer

PAUSE

You might like to echo this prayer of confession:

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins

For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is God's love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Reading	
We turn to God's word:	
Psalm 86	
A prayer of David.	
¹ Hear me, Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.	
² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.	
You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord, for I call to you all day long.	
⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.	
⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.	
⁶ Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.	
⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.	
⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.	
⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, Lord; they will bring glory to your name.	
¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.	

<p>¹¹ Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.</p> <p>¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.</p> <p>¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths, from the realm of the dead.</p> <p>¹⁴ Arrogant foes are attacking me, O God; ruthless people are trying to kill me— they have no regard for you.</p> <p>¹⁵ But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.</p> <p>¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.</p> <p>¹⁷ Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame, for you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.</p>	
Sermon	
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Psalm	
Our Psalm for tonight	

Psalm 57:1-3

Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me,
for in you I take refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings
until the disaster has passed.

²I cry out to God Most High,
to God, who vindicates me.

³He sends from heaven and saves me,
rebuking those who hotly pursue me—
God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.

Prayers

Let us pray for our world:

And as I pray briefly for different parts of our world

You might like to respond with the words **“through Christ our Lord”**:

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you
to rule and govern your church
and lead it in such ways that your name is glorified.

through Christ our Lord.

for our country

Strengthen your servants Elizabeth our Queen

Our Prime Minister Scott Morrison

Our Premier Gladys Berejiklian

<p>And Lord Mayor – Clover Moore Give to them wisdom and wise counsel. Bless our parliaments and all who serve them May they lead us for the good of all. through Christ our Lord.</p> <p>Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, Our Police, Ambulance and Fire Services Our Doctors and Nurses And all who work in Hospitals Please shield them from all dangers. Give to them wisdom Bless and protect their families through Christ our Lord.</p> <p>Grant wisdom and insight to those who lead us amongst this Coronavirus pandemic For health officials and researchers All who lead our community Bless their work and service through Christ our Lord.</p> <p>Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your word, particularlry our Archbishop Glenn Bishop Michael and Dean Kanishka</p>	
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that in their preaching
and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.
through Christ our Lord.

To all nations grant unity, peace and concord;
and to everyone in your world give dignity, food, shelter and health.
through Christ our Lord.

Grant us abundant harvests; strength and skill to conserve
the resources of the earth; and wisdom to use them well.
through Christ our Lord.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble;
protect all who travel by land, air, or water;
and those away from home and those in quarantine;
show your pity on all prisoners and captives.
through Christ our Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind; and give skill and
compassion to all who care for them.
through Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Healing Ministry

As our Lord taught us
We are confident to say
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.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Before we end
I've got **five quick things to mention as we wrap up**

1. Golden grove is closed presently. For the time being, it means our prayer groups there are on hold

2. But – secondly – we’re hoping you’ll pray remotely
Contact us to receive the prayer list

3. I’m excited to tell you that over 400 people viewed one of last weeks editions of this Service
Please keep tuning into us.
We’re experimenting in how to do it
And we’ll get better at it...
But we need you to stay with us

4. and finally, we hope that you might support us financially
Our bills and costs are still with us
Our financial details are on our web site
The smallest amounts that are regular are so important to us

5. and finally
Please keep in touch with us,
Let others know about this Service
And if we can be of assistance,
Straight after the Service tonight we’re offering prayer
The details are on our web site.

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Please let us know.

Benediction

And as we end
let me pray for you.

The Peace of God
Which passes all understanding
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of the God
And of his Son Jesus

And the blessing of God almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be amongst you
Amen