

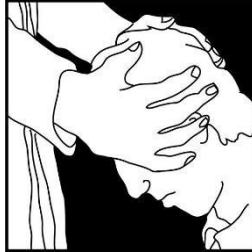
ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 28, 2024

Healing of Jairus' Daughter

Service of Healing

We Proclaim and Practice Christ's Love



GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the healing presence of Christ, we gather this morning.

Like the blind man we ask Jesus to open our eyes.

Like the desperate woman we want to touch his cloak,

Like the little child we want to get blessed by him,

Like the leper we want him to free us from the things that hold us captive.

We come as we are, to receive and to give,

To be blessed and to extend blessings to others.

To hear the voice of God calling our name.

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OPENING SONG *Glorious Day*

I was buried beneath my shame.
Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You

I was breathing but not alive.
All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met You

You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

Now Your mercy has saved my soul.
Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new Jesus when I met You *Chorus*

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **Great God, our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick**

and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name, look upon us with mercy, and

bless us with your healing Spirit. Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness, and light to illuminate our darkness. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ? *We do.*

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Brixton and Maisie grow in the Christian faith and life?
We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? *I do.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church:

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism

of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Brixton James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Brixton with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Brixton James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Maisie Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Maisie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

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Presentation of Candle: *Brixton and Maisie*, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission that we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Am Redeemed*

READING Mark 5:21-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th Chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SONG *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains. Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains. Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below.
Will be forever mine. Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

SERVICE OF HEALING

Prayers Of Intercession

Song (*during prayers*) *Oceans*

You call me out upon the waters
the great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
in oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name.
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise...My soul will rest in Your embrace.
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters;
your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
you've never failed and you won't start now. *Chorus*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.
Let me walk upon the waters Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger,
In the presence of my Savior (*repeat several times*) *Chorus*

Laying On of Hands (*Anyone who wishes is invited to come forward for individual healing prayers and blessing. We will not usher you forward. You may come as you are ready.*)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
We greet one another with words of peace.



OFFERING

Offerings to the ministry here at St. James can be given in several ways:

- You can give an offering with your time. There are many opportunities for you to serve both here at Church and out in our community.

- Monetary donations can be given in the offering plate.
- You can mail offerings to the Church office or drop them off.
- You can sign up for online giving at stjamesmc.org, where you can sign up for recurring offerings or a one-time donation. You can scan the code above to go directly to our website.

We thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

OFFERING PRAYER

Bountiful God, you provide for us every good thing that we need to have life and have it abundantly. With gratitude we return to you this small portion of your gifts, that you might use them for your holy work in this community and beyond. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Jesus, whose touch means healing and wholeness, reaches out to you, takes you by the hand, and invites you to new life. May his presence bring you hope and peace, today and always.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you, now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG *My Lighthouse*

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh. You are the peace in my troubled
sea

In the silence You won't let go. In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh. You are the peace in my troubled
sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse,

Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise. You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings, With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh. You are the peace in my troubled
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