**Recovery Month Worship Service**

**12 Step Eucharist**

**September 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

**Opening Hymn Lord of All Hopefulness Hymnal 482**

**Welcoming Deacon Kay Drebert**

Welcome to our third annual Recovery Service, and our first Twelve Step Eucharist. The Twelve Steps are one of many paths to recovery, and there are many forms of these steps. The Twelve steps that we are using tonight are an adaptation of the Twelve Steps of Self-Confirmation.

**The Opening Sentence**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

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 you holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Celebrant: O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who due to mental health and substance use disorders have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love.

*Prayer for Addiction and Recovery, BCP Page 831*

**Amen.**

**Gloria**

**Collect**

Celebrant: God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to us as we are filled with uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make us equal to whatever lies ahead. Bring us courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health, wholeness, and freedom from addictions. You are God, and we need you. Amen.

*From the New Zealand Prayer Book*

**Step One: We realize that we are not in control of our actions or use.**

**Response**

**Step Two: We acknowledge that a spiritual awakening can help us find a new direction.**

**Step Three: We are ready to follow and stay true to the new paths we have chosen.**

**Response**

**The Lessons**

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners.

**Psalms**

Psalm 139: 1-2

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Psalm 103:2-4 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits— who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 8-9**

My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness. So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

**Step Four: We have the strength and courage to look within and to face whatever obstacles hinder our continued personal and spiritual development.**

**Step Five: We commit to becoming fully aware of how our actions and use hurt those around us.**

**Response**

**Sequence Hymn There is a Balm in Gilead Hymnal 676**

**The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

**Litany of Healing**

Deacon: We offer prayers of healing for all those we know that are struggling with active addictions and mental health conditions. May they know they are beloved children of God. May they find and accept the people and resources that will guide them to healing and recovery.

Deacon: We off prayer for all those in recovery. We thank you for their healing. May they continue to feel loved, supported and encouraged in their recovery.

Deacon: We pray for all the families and friends who support their loved ones.Bring them understanding, peace, comfort, and restfulness.

Deacon: We pray for health care professionals as they care for their clients. We thank you for their ministry. May they find joy in their work.

Deacon: We pray for all those who have lost their lives while struggling with mental health and addictions; Lewie Q, Nate K, Michael M, Sean L, Daryl W, James F, Alex T, …. Are their others?

May they rest in peace. Comfort and heal all those who mourn.

Deacon: We hold all of these names in prayer. We pray that our churches find ways to help support all of those in need. May they be places of understanding and hope. May we find them to be sources of love, joy, and mercy.

**People: Prayer 56, Adapted from BCP, Page 831**

**O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who due to mental health and substance use disorders have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen.**

**Step Six: We are changing our lives and becoming the people God would like us to be.**

**Step Seven: We are am proud of our strengths and our ability to grow.**

**Response**

**The Confession**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

**Step Eight: We will do all that we can to make up for the ways we have hurt ourselves and others**

**Step Nine: We will take direct action to help others in any way that we can.**

**Response**

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord by always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offering**

**Step Ten: We will strive to be self-aware and follow the new paths that we have chosen.**

**Step Eleven: We will continue to develop our potential through helping others and through prayer, study, and worship, striving to become the people God intends us to be.**

**Response**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**Eucharist Prayer C (BCP p. 369)**

**Sanctus**

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.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by they 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say Hymnal 692**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

**Step Twelve: We** **will continue to develop our potential, grow spiritually and actively help others on their path towards recovery.**

**Response**

**The Blessing**

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**People: the maker of heaven and earth.**

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

**People: from this time forth forevermore.**

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever.

**People: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn Amazing Grace Hymnal 671**

**Dismissal**