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Post Communion Prayer

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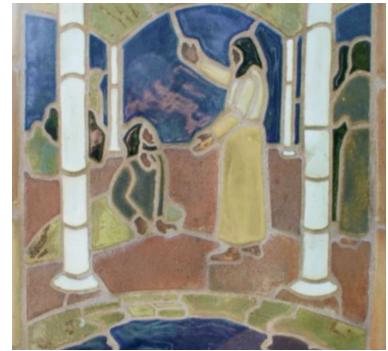
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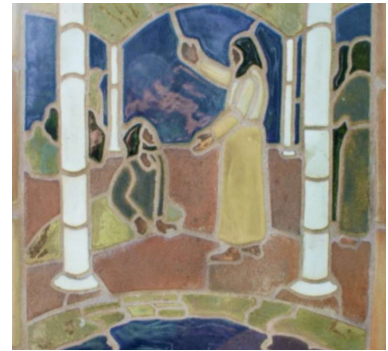
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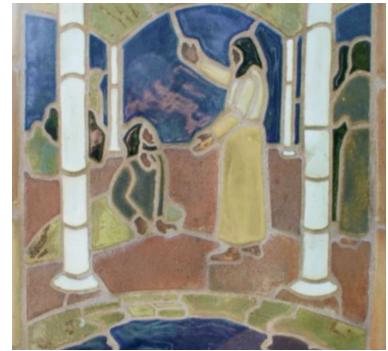
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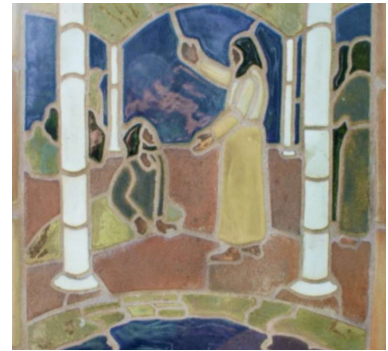
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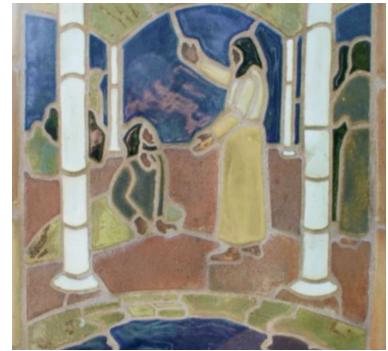
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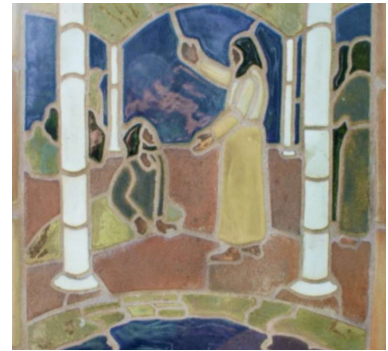
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from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death
he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns,
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First Reading

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

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Acts 16. 9-15

Gospel Reading

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

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Now that day was a sabbath.

John 5. 1-9

Sunday's Hymns:

P: 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
G: 645 God is our strength and refuge
O: 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
HC: 512 Christ is the world in which we move
R: 456 (ii) Now let us from this table rise

**Thought for the week:**

'Do you want to be made well?'

That is the question Jesus asked the man by the pool of Bethzatha in Sunday's gospel, reading.

What did he mean by being made well?

Jesus longs for all people to be well – not necessarily physically (in this life at least), but certainly spiritually.

This story speaks of Jesus reaching out to heal the man and to meet his deepest need – physical but almost certainly emotional and mental healing were needed too.

We are very aware of that need for healing and wholeness today – I suspect that we all know of someone who struggles with mental ill health (in fact most of us will be affected by this at some time in our lives).

Being a disciple of Jesus does not exempt us from ill health and accidents - physical, mental, emotional. And so it is crucial that the church today shares in Jesus' healing ministry and through prayer helps people to know the wholeness and peace that God offers.

Here at St Luke's we offer a monthly ministry of prayer and anointing for healing and wholeness. On the last Wednesday during the 10 am service of Holy Communion we offer prayer and anointing with oil - for individuals and on behalf of others.

When we take part in that prayer and anointing, we are invited to take the part of man who was healed by Jesus – not by waiting to go into water – some possibly superstitious practice – but by allowing God to touch us and reach deep inside to heal us from the core and help us to be whole people – from deep inside.

Prayer and anointing for this wholeness and healing are ancient – they go back to Jesus and the life of the early church. It is God who heals us through his Spirit, we are just agents of the Spirit in this. We take our name from St Luke - the doctor - who travelled with Paul to help him know wholeness and physical strength. It seems right then that we should be a community of wholeness and healing. But we don't have to wait for special church services and rituals to be made whole by God. Jesus healed the man by the pool without him needing to go through the palaver of climbing into the water - Jesus was there for him - as he is for each of us, longing to make us whole in him.

As the man by the pool was healed, so we come to God for wholeness and peace: Jesus asks us, as he asked the man by the pool: Do you want to be made well?

Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our PCC and church officers, and for those planning to cover the forthcoming vacancy.
- For our Church leaders and those selecting a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- For Bishop Mary Gregory, our new Bishop of Reading.
- For survivors of abuse and those who support them.
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- For the work of our Hospices.
- For all those who live and work in Moorfield Terrace

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