

# LITURGICAL FORMATION & FOOTPRINTS OF GOD

## "Encountering Christ: A Liturgical Guide to Healing and Deliverance Services/How to Lead a Healing and Deliverance Service"

Chairperson for Anglican Revival Fire Movement, under Anglican Renewal Ministries. Rev. Frank Lin, shares his experiences and proposes a new guide to Healing and Deliverance. It is different from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662, titled "Visitation to the Sick." Nonetheless, looking at new liturgical forms that will and can make a meaningful response is necessary. Rev. Frank Lin explains the service and provides a format for churches to conduct this essential and much-needed service in our churches. Setting aside one a month to focus on healing may be good, which is very much part of pastoral ministry.

This healing and deliverance service aims to proclaim the transformative power of Jesus Christ, who heals the sick, delivers the oppressed, and restores wholeness to all who come to Him in faith. This liturgical structure is designed to be flexible enough to allow the Holy Spirit to move freely while ensuring an orderly progression that helps build trust in those present.

At the heart of this service is the proclamation of God's Word, which precedes the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power to heal, deliver, and restore. The Word of God, specifically the stories of Jesus' healing and miracles, builds faith and prepares hearts to receive divine intervention.

### 1. Welcome, Opening Prayer, and Introduction (7-10 minutes)

- **Purpose:** The opening of the service sets the tone for the evening and helps to focus the congregation's hearts and minds on Jesus, the source of all healing and deliverance. It also invites the presence of the Holy Spirit to move among the congregation.
- **Content:**
  - The pastor or service leader will begin with a short welcome,

explaining the purpose of the service: to encounter the healing and delivering power of Jesus Christ.

- A brief prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to come and move powerfully in the service.
- The introduction should emphasise the expectation of faith and explain that healing comes through the proclamation of the Word and the work of the Holy Spirit of the triune God.

### 2. Praise and Worship (20 minutes)

- **Content:**
  - Select songs that declare the greatness of God, His power to heal, His love, and His authority over sickness and the forces of darkness.
  - Worship leaders should be encouraged to allow space for spontaneous worship and the leading of the Holy Spirit, inviting the congregation to enter into deep reverence and expectation.

### 3. Testimony (10 minutes)

- **Purpose:** Testimonies of previous healings or deliverances build faith in the congregation. Hearing how God has moved in others' lives inspires confidence that He can and will do it again.
- **Content:**
  - Invite individuals to share brief, powerful testimonies of how they have experienced God's healing and deliverance.
  - The testimony should focus on the power of Jesus Christ, the authority of His Word, and how the Holy Spirit brought transformation.
  - This segment should remain focused on glorifying God and raising faith

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in the congregation for what will happen.

### 4. Preaching of the Word (40-45 minutes)

- **Purpose:** Preaching the Word is crucial, as faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Proclaiming the stories of Jesus' healing and miracles, as well as His authority over sickness and demons, prepares the congregation to receive His healing and delivering power.
- **Content:**
  - The sermon should focus on Jesus' healing ministry, using narratives from the Gospels (e.g., Mark 1:40-45, Luke 8:40-56, many from the four Gospels, etc.) that demonstrate His authority over sickness, disease, and demonic forces.
  - Emphasise scriptures such as Luke 4:18-19, where Jesus declares His mission to free the captives, and Acts 10:38, which speaks of Jesus healing all the devil-oppressed.
  - Include the message of faith, reminding the congregation that healing and deliverance come through faith in Jesus Christ and that His power is present to heal today, just as in biblical times. Mark 11:22-26; Matthew 21:21-22; Mark 9:23; Matthew 19:26 ; Matthew 9:29; Hebrew 11:1,6
  - Allow time for the Holy Spirit to guide the preaching, leaving space for spontaneous prophetic words or insights that may arise during the message.
  - The preacher should conclude the sermon by declaring the power of the Word and inviting the congregation to respond in faith during the ministry.

### 5. Ministering by Faith with the Power and Anointing of the Holy Spirit (30 minutes to 1-2 hours)

- **Purpose:** This is the time for ministry where the power of God is manifested through faith. The focus is on exercising the authority given to believers in Christ to heal the sick, cast out demons, and break the power of oppression.
- **Content:**
  - Begin with a prayer of faith, declaring Jesus' authority over every sickness, disease, and demonic power.
  - **Laying of Hands and Anointing:** As led by the Spirit, those needing healing or deliverance are invited forward. Ministers (clergy or trained laypeople) lay hands on the sick and anoint them with oil, according to James 5:14-15; examples from Jesus laying hands, too.
  - **Deliverance:** In cases of demonic oppression or possession, exercise the kingly authority (not priestly prayer) of Jesus Christ to command evil spirits to leave in the Name of Jesus
  - Allow the Holy Spirit (John 15:26; Acts 1:8) to direct the flow of the service. This could include moments of silence, prophetic words, or extended prayer over individuals. The service should not be rushed; allow for the Holy Spirit's timing.
  - Encourage the congregation to actively participate with expectant faith by praying for one another and declaring God's promises over their lives.

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### 6. On-the-Spot Testimonies

- **Purpose:** To glorify God for what He has done and further build faith in the congregation for future healing and deliverance.
- **Content:**
  - Invite individuals who have experienced healing or deliverance during the service to come forward and share their testimonies.
  - These testimonies should be brief and focused on how Jesus touched them and brought healing or freedom. Testimonies build faith in God.

### 7. Closing/Benediction (5-10 minutes)

- **Purpose:** To close the service by giving thanks to God and blessing the congregation.
- **Content:**
  - Offer a closing prayer of thanksgiving, thanking God for the healings and deliverances that have taken place.
  - Speak a benediction, such as the one found in Numbers 6:24-26, or another blessing encouraging the congregation to walk in faith and expectation.

### Conclusion: Proclamation of God's Power

This liturgical format emphasises the proclamation of the Word of God, followed by the manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power. The key to the service is faith—faith in the power of the living Christ (Phil 3:10), who is alive, present to heal, deliver, and restore. By combining the authority of the Name of Jesus with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the service becomes a mighty means for healing and deliverance. The outcome of the service is the

transformation of individuals as they encounter God's love, power, and glory (Luke 4:18-19).

The format's flexibility ensures that the service remains open to the Holy Spirit's leading, allowing for spontaneous moments of healing, deliverance, and testimony that glorify Jesus Christ. Through this ministry, the church can continue to witness the living, resurrected Christ at work in their midst, fulfilling His mission of bringing wholeness and freedom. Then you will know the truth, and the truth (John 14:6) will set you free. (John 8:32). Halleluyah!

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