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Generational Healing Eucharist

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PLEASE READ BEFORE THE SERVICE

What is a generational healing service?

I see the Eucharist as the dynamite that breaks up what appears to be an immovable rock of hurt and sin that is blocking the healing of the family line. As the Eucharist is celebrated, this rock is broken apart and the problems that caused it become accessible to our prayers. We then receive discernment about where to direct our petitions... [e.g., we might pray to Jesus to visit a particular part of our family tree in order to minister healing and forgiveness in accordance with the Father's perfect will].

The concept of the transformation of time is a key to understanding the action of God during the healing of the generations [and] the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.... Every event that has ever taken place in our family history is present, and He can bring to our minds any one of those events that needs His healing touch.... A greater perception of what is actually happening during a celebration of the Holy Eucharist comes through understanding the full meaning of the word, *remembrance*, as it was used by Jesus during the Last Supper and is used today during the Eucharistic prayer of consecration, "Do this in remembrance of me." The word remembrance is a translation of the Greek word, *anamnesis*, meaning to remember something that happened in the past in such a way that it actually becomes present to us today with the same living force that it had when it first occurred. Every Eucharist is an anamnesis,... Jesus is once again with us and we are recalling His passion, death and resurrection in such a way that the power of those events is actually with us once again.

— The Rev. Patricia A. Smith, *From Generation to Generation*

In the family tree healing service, each person should engage in a kind of individualized private prayer, even though it may be done as a group service.... It is helpful, but not necessary, to outline one's family tree by using a structured genogram, listing in particular any living or deceased persons who may have strongly influenced family members in a hurtful way, causing emotional, physical or spiritual problems ("a man's enemies are the members of his own household" – Micah 7:6).... This includes infant deaths in abortion, still-birth and miscarriage; also sudden deaths through murder, fire, drowning, earthquakes or crashes, etc.

Normally the healing program concludes with a Eucharistic service in which prayers are offered to God to cut any negative bondage between ourselves and past generations, and between presently living generations and future unborn generations. You are encouraged to offer prayers of real forgiveness for those who have offended you, living or dead, since your own resentment will induce a curse on your own offspring (Job 5:2-4). It is important to extend – like the father of the prodigal son – unconditional love for family members and any other close relatives and even friends and associates, employing the broadest use of the term "family"....

In the last petition of the Lord's Prayer, "deliver us from the evil one," we call upon the deliverance power of Jesus for all the areas in our family and personal history in which the devil or his minions have anchored themselves. To the extent that there is a demonic intervention in the bondage found in our family lineage, our healing prayer must be a deliverance prayer. (The very term "deliverance" originated from the last sentence of the Lord's Prayer.)

—The Rev. John H. Hampsch, C.M.F., *Healing Your Family Tree*

Our loving God wants so much to save us that he sent his Son to die for us in propitiation for our sins and he tells us that not even death can separate us from his love (Rom. 8:38-39). Even if we turn our back on him, his love and mercy towards us endure for ever (1 Cor. 13). We can help one another because through baptism we are all members of Christ's body.... The early Christians realized that this unity lasted beyond death and bound the living and the dead into the "communion of saints." [But although] both the living and the dead are members of Christ's body (1 Cor. 15:29),...it is not permitted...to make direct contact with the dead. We are expressly told that to do so is in absolute contravention of God's law.... We must act, as it were, in the third person and refer them to the Lord for him to deal with.

— Dr. Kenneth McAll, *Healing the Family Tree*

“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children to the third and fourth generation.”

Exodus 34:6b-7

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Luke 4:18-19

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The Distribution of Communion

Post-Communion Prayer:

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Together: *Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing

Dismissal

(Congregants are invited to remain to receive personal prayer from our prayer teams.)

Spiritual Self-examination

During this service, we personally confess and renounce any occult or non-biblical (e.g. satanic, pagan or New Age) practices that we or members of our family tree have been involved with intentionally or otherwise. Such practices are forbidden because they are used to gain power over others and to seek psychic and spiritual knowledge for oneself from unrighteous sources. Invariably, they divert practitioners away from God's influence and towards the occult realm where demonic spirits can gain authority — often with malign consequences, including misfortune, ill-health, abusive relations, depression, spiritual confusion, criminality, violence and untimely death. They occur whether or not the practitioner is aware of the occult contact. Likewise, in sinister fashion, they often afflict practitioners' descendants until the occult practices are explicitly confessed and renounced and the evil authority is finally revoked. (To be completely effectual, renunciation may necessitate destroying all relevant publications, insignia, regalia, jewelry, artwork, and other paraphernalia.) While not all-inclusive, below are some of the most common practices that can invite demonic influence. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in discerning which of them, if any, relate to you and/or your ancestors.

Amulets & charms, talismans, fetishes

Ancestor worship

Astral projection, out-of-body travel

Astrology, horoscope reading

Aura reading

Automatic writing

Blood pacts

Channeling

Crystals, crystal gazing, pyramids

Cult membership (incl. E.S.T., "Moonies",
Hare Krishnas, The Way, etc.)

Curses

Death cults, incl. Santa Muerte

Dedications (non-Christian)

Demonology

Divination (e.g., I Ching, numerology,
psychic readings, muscle-testing)

Drug abuse

Eastern mysticism (e.g., TM, yogic mantras
chanting, gurus)

Energy work (e.g., Reiki, chi, chakra,
kundalini, Applied Kinesiology, etc.)

Esoteric philosophies (e.g., Theosophy,
Eckankar)

ESP, mind-reading, telepathy

Feng shui

Fortune-telling (e.g., palm-reading, tarot
cards, crystal balls)

Freemasonry (Masons, Shriners, DeMolay,
Job's

Daughters, Eastern Star, Daughters of the
Nile)

Games (Ouija, D&D, violent video/computer
games)

Hexes

Hypnotism, mesmerism, auto-suggestion

Idol worship

Levitation (of persons or objects)

Non-scriptural religions (e.g., Hinduism,
Buddhism, Islam,

Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian
Science)

Occult writing, symbols (e.g., runes, pentacles)

Paganism (e.g., Celtic, Druidic, goddess
worship,

Wicca)

Psychic consultations or practices

Reincarnation, rebirthing

Rosicrucianism

Satanism (incl. Death Metal music)

Scientology

Sexual disorder (e.g., trauma, promiscuity,
pornography,

deviancy)

Shamanism, Curanderos

Spirit Guides

Spiritualism (e.g., mediums, seances,
necromancy)

Voodooism (aka hoodooism, Santería)

Vampirism, werewolves

Water witching (dowsing)

Witchcraft (sorcery, Wicca, magic spells,
incantations, invocations)

A Celebration of The Holy Eucharist for the Healing of Generations

[BCP p. 355 & following]

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Together: *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 your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Together: *Have mercy upon us.*

The people are seated.

The Ministry of the Word [with suggested readings]

Old Testament [Exodus 34:1-9
or Deuteronomy 5:1-10, or Nehemiah 9:1-17,
or Daniel 9:3-19, or Jeremiah 14:20.]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm [Ps 51, or 116, or 139]

Epistle [2 Corinthians 5:16-21]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Celebrant: And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the time had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory, and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Together: *We praise you, we bless you,
We give thanks to you,
And we pray to you, Lord our God.*

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Together: *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Together: *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 the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people stand.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

(The celebrant may invite the people to greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

The Offertory

**Genograms, written names and prayer intentions may now be placed upon the altar.
[papers are destroyed after service]**

The people stand.

Eucharistic Prayer D

(Adapted from Prayer "D", p. 372 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And also with you.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The people kneel or sit.

Celebrant: We acclaim you, Holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and tend all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

The people stand.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____ :
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Gospel [John 3:1-20, or Luke 4:16-21]

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The people are seated.

Homily

Followed by a time of quiet self-reflection and an opportunity to produce a spiritual family tree/prayer requests.

[The Celebrant may offer this or similar prayer:]

Invocation of the Holy Trinity

Celebrant: **God our Father** in heaven, we bow in your presence and thank you for your only Son.

We know that you, **Lord Jesus Christ**, are risen from the dead. You are alive and here with us. Bind and banish Satan and his minions. And let all the wounds and torments inflicted by them on us and our families be healed by your Body and Blood.

Come **Holy Spirit** to guide us in these holy mysteries, as we neither fully know nor understand how to pray. Illumine our hearts, reveal your Truth and inspire our intercessions. We ask all this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Together: *Amen.*

The people kneel.

The Litany

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting Father, we thank you for all those in our family history who, through their love and care, have passed down to us peace, love and the knowledge of you and of your Son, Jesus Christ. We bring before you now, in prayer, ourselves and our family members who need to be healed of all hurts and to be freed from all bondage. Send your light into all the sinful and hurting places of our families, that we may know the Truth and that the Truth may set us free.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We invoke the Blood of Jesus, shed for the forgiveness of sins, upon all the pain-filled or grieving places in ourselves and in our families, that all may be forgiven, healed and forever freed in Jesus' Holy Name.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We confess our own sins and the sins of our family members who, in past or present generations, have engaged in occult practices, in idolatry, in pagan or satanic worship or in any of the abominations associated with those practices. In the name of Jesus Christ, we renounce all occult, Satanic, pagan, New Age, and non-scriptural practices in which we have engaged. **[Name specific practices—your own or family's.]** Please forgive us, Lord, and break any hold such sinful practices, past or present, have over us and our families.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We confess our own sins and the sins of our family members who, in past or present generations, have hurt themselves and others by committing murder, suicide or abortion...**[by name]**. We ask you to forgive us and break any hold these deaths have over us and our families through anger, fear, guilt or unresolved grief.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember before you anyone in our family tree who was murdered, aborted, miscarried, stillborn, committed suicide or suffered an untimely death...**[by name]**. Into your hands we commend the sheep of your own fold, the lambs of your own flock and the sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them now into your arms of mercy, into the blessed rest of your everlasting peace and into the glorious company of your saints in light.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We confess our own sins and the sins of our family members, past or present, who have committed acts of physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse or neglect...**(by name)**. Please forgive us and break any hold such sins, past or present, have over us and our families.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We confess our own sins and the sins of our family members who have caused harm to themselves and others by holding on to anger, revenge, unforgiveness or bitterness...**[by name]**. We forgive all those who have hurt members of our families, and we forgive all those family members who have sinned against us. We pray for your healing and freedom.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those beset by chronic illness...**[by name]** or by addictions...**[by name]**. We ask you to heal them and restore to all the assurance of your unfailing mercy, breaking any hold such addictions or chronic illnesses have over us and our families.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We take authority in the name of Jesus Christ over all generational bondage, all hereditary defects, genetic or of blood, and all wrong inclinations that have been transmitted to us from within our family tree or from within the spiritual families to which we belong, including the Church.
Amen.

By the authority given us through Jesus, we rebuke all the forces of evil that oppress us and our families. In his Name we hereby revoke the authority of all familial spirits and all their manifestations within our lives and we place the Cross and Blood of Jesus between the power of evil and ourselves and our families, hereby destroying what otherwise might be transmitted to our descendants.
Amen.

Deliver us, Oh Lord, from family generational sin and help us to fully recognize and repent from it. Forgive us and restore us now to new life and health following your commandments, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to the honor and glory of your holy Name.
Amen.

Celebrant: God's Word assures us that if we confess our sins, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" [1 John 1:9].
People: We now affirm and gratefully receive the Lord's forgiveness and healing for ourselves and for our families.
Amen.

[Clergy may offer absolution.]