

Let us pray,

Lord, remind us that we are all in need of healing, and awaken our hearts to you as the healer.

Amen.

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“I baptize you with water for repentance.”

Repentance is the ultimate form of seeking healing.

And baptism is the ultimate form of healing.

Baptism won't fix our wounds, heal our grief or make us young.

But Baptism makes us right with God again and thrusts us into a relationship and a covenant that reminds us that we have been made right with God.

But the only way that we can be made right with God is to acknowledge that we are not right with God.

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That is kind of like seeking help.

Help can only be found when we acknowledge that we need help.

Healing can only be found when we realize that we are sick.

The blessings and anointing that you will be receiving today wont necessarily cure you of the ailments you wish to be cured of.

It might, it has happened, but there is no guarantee.

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But what these blessings and anointing reminds us of is that God is here with us and will heal us in this life or the next.

Miracles still do happen, people are healed by prayer.

But when that healing takes place is not guaranteed, and sometimes death is the place in which healing can take place.

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But whether we die or we live, the reality is that God has a hold on our soul.

That our eternal and physical realities are fully nestled in the love and companionship of our God.

And it is in these blessings that we are reminded that there is no place, no emotion, no suffering, no joy or experience that God is not present with us.

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Healing may not come in the way that we always desire, but sometimes the greatest healing is the realization of letting go.

Letting go of control over our lives and the lives of others, and putting full faith and trust in our God and God's plan.

Truly, I mean truly, saying yes to God.

So that even when faced with death, we may smile and rejoice.

Because our healing has met its climax.

Thanks be to God for God.

Amen.