



Ministry of Anointing and Healing

With Laying On of Hands

Is any among you sick? Let them call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5: 14 - 15



Anointing is the act of placing a sign of the cross on a person's forehead with consecrated oil and special prayers. It is one of the most ancient of rituals going back to the beginning of the Old Testament. It is a means of blessing, protection, healing and comfort.

The healing referred to in Scripture and as we know it today, is not the cataclysmic, Hollywood healing. Surprisingly, it is about a very small shift in perspective, attitude, thinking, knowing and or believing. This shift comes from The Still Small Voice within, which brings a calm and peacefulness to that person.



Anointing and laying on of hands are the outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace. When someone is unable to achieve this state of grace for themselves, the community members prayerfully gather and lay their hands on them.

Healing and restoration are integral to the good news of Jesus Christ. It is the working of the Holy Spirit in individual lives and the Body of Christ (the church).

When did the people of your era distinguish you
As the person from whom compassion flows?
Perhaps it was the way you touched the leper's hand
Or how you stopped to hear the widow's pain.
Maybe when you interrupted self-righteous men
And freed the frightened woman about to be stoned,
Or the tone of your voice when you responded
To the beggars' pleas to regain their sight.
Wherever you went, you moved closer to pain
Doing all you could to ease suffering and heal.

Joyce Rupp, Fragments of Your Ancient Name, March 10



Anointing and Healing Sundays at St. Peter's are the third Sunday of each month. Services begin at 9:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Our Lay Anointer is licensed by the Diocese of Toronto.