

## Devotional from the Bishop's Committee on Healing Ministries

In this pandemic we live amid global chaos, isolation, suffering and fear. It is the reality of our life, and we acknowledge this reality. So where is the healing? We also belong to the reality of God's compassionate presence inside all the chaos, isolation and fear. Our work is to seek the meaning of God's presence in the global pain. To ask what God's desire for us is. Our comfort is to know God's presence and to rest there when we need to. To let go to love.

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love." (John 15:9). Jesus wept. He knows our humanity. He knows suffering. Though we are an exiled people right now, Jesus' assurance and hope are revealed. We are beloved, and we are people of the resurrection. This is our journey. This is our healing.

God, within our exhaustion and chaos,  
you are full of compassion and mercy.

At every moment in life you are present.

In this time, we are exiled from all we know and  
there is no where to go but to you, O God.

You are in the known and the unknown.

We bring you our broken dreams,  
our wants for all we attempt to control,  
and we give them to you.

May we let go to your love.

May we remember Jesus' ministry and suffering  
and his letting go to you.

May we recall your presence of mercy and compassion,  
even when we cannot perceive your forever and ever  
as we count our days of exile.

The cross reveals love in the darkness.

The cross reveals healing.

In our healing  
help us to love.

May our presence to others arise from your presence.

May we shine before you as the anointed.

We hold our hearts up to you, Amen.