

+Our gospel today speaks on many levels. The man with the withered hand may be a symbol or a metaphor of the Body of Christ as it suffers from disunity, when its members fail to work together for the good of all. Jesus draws near to each of our lives with his healing presence.

Each one of us is in need of healing, healing of those parts of ourselves that are not functioning well or have even become dysfunctional.

None of us is exempt, for it is only when we let ourselves become fully alive, allow the Spirit of Christ to become more and more active in us that we are really healthy and become all that we are destined to be.

We can become a lot like the Pharisees who limit what Christ wants to accomplish in and through us. So Jesus is asking us as he asked them: "Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?" What is our own response?

*Eucharist this AM, first day of prayer for Christian unity.*