**Llefara O Dduw, canys mae dy weision yn gwrando. Amen.**

Mae’n fraint cael bod yma yn y dathliad Cenedlaethol hwn o saith deg pumed pen-blwydd ein Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol, a gafodd ei genhedlu a’i eni yma yng Nghymru.

It is great to celebrate this special event, and wonderful to do so here in this church.

Today we give thanks for the inspiration that gave birth to our health service, for the legacy of Aneurin Bevan’s brave imagination, and for the passion, dedication and commitment of all the staff, workers and supporters who keep that vision alive and vibrant. We know that they have been hugely tested by the pandemic and continue to feel the pressures of economic difficulties. Rydym mor ddiolchgar am ein gwasanaeth iechyd ac yn falch o ddathlu’r bobl sy’n ymgorffori’r rhagoriaeth mewn gofal y mae’r Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol yn ei gynnig.

We pray for all NHS staff, and for all who support their work, in Government, at national and local level and all who encourage and help in any way – many of whom are represented here. We offer prayers through our words, poetry and worship, with excellent music and we show our support by our presence here with thankful hearts.

It is wonderful to be here in Ely for this service, I want to thank Canon Jan and all the people of the church and community here for hosting this event. This is a church and a priest and people who mirror the excellence in care and the exceptional resilience that we celebrate this morning in our Health Service.

Mae’r Salm y clywsom yn ei darllen, yn ein pwyntio i sylwi ar fendithion Duw, ac yn ein gwahodd i fod yn bobl o ddathlu llawen.

There is a counter cultural message in the Psalm we heard, we are often encouraged to be critical and can feel overwhelmed by issues and problems, but the psalmist reminds us to remember what is good: “Do not forget God’s blessings, paid ag anghofio’i holl ddoniau.”

Not that there are no needs or problems, but faith invites us to be people of hope; those who have a vision and inhabit a calling not to stay with the difficulties, but to be stirred by need, and to roll up our sleeves, to strive to make a difference, to do what we can and play our part, and most especially to care for the weak and the vulnerable.

In the Gospel reading from the Sermon on the Mount, we heard words that are sometimes called, “The beatitudes”.

It’s important to remember the setting of this passage on a mountain – the place where God’s Law had been given to Moses. Wrth bregethu ar fynydd mae Iesu yn dweud fod ganddo neges bwysig iawn.

It’s a message that shows God’s priorities: Jesus highlights certain people: the bereaved, the meek – or timid ones, the ones who lack confidence, those who are passionate with longing for change in the world, those who are kind, the humble, those who are committed to peace.

Ar gyfer y rhain i gyd mae gan Iesu neges am sut mae Duw yn eu codi nhw, “Gwyn eu byd nhw”. I bob un o’r grwpiau hyn mae’r ddawn y maent yn hiraethu amdani i’w gwireddu – cysur i’r galaru, perthyn i’r rhai sy’n ofnus, gweledigaeth o obaith i’r rhai sy’n ostyngedig ac ymdeimlad o gynhwysiant a hunanwerth fel plant annwyl. Duw y gwnaed hwynt i fod.

Jesus talks of the transformational power of Godly love. This is so close to what we celebrate today – the life-changing, hope bringing power of great health-care and skilled care. Jesus affirmed the importance of offering attention to those who were in particular need, and the vision and aspiration of our NHS is all about being there for those who are vulnerable, including all those who need treatment and help.

My family benefited from this, during the pandemic, before he died my Dad spent time in hospital in North Wales with cancer. We were not able to visit of course and at times the technology on the ward, the ipads and screens did not always work. And staff members were willing to use their own phones to help Dad see us and speak to us. And they were unfailingly patient and kind as he struggled to use this method of communication. They were patient, kind and gentle when he repeatedly accidentally turned the phone off or couldn’t make it work. Inspite of being busy and going beyond what they had to do, they made space to help us. Transforming for us, stressful encounters into moments of grace.

The DNA of our NHS is all about bringing hope in tough situations. After all It was during the Second World War, in a time terrible suffering that the Beveridge Report offered a vision of a society that would make provision for the health of the nation and the care of the sick. The NHS came into being just a few years later, despite the devastation and the exhaustion that war had brought Britain. Roedd ei fodolaeth yn siarad, ac yn dal i siarad am y posibilrwydd o obaith newydd.

The trust in the possibility of change and hope is embodied here in this Church of The Resurrection. This is a place of life and hope for today and for the future. Yma yn Nhrelái mae digwyddiadau diweddar wedi amlygu anghenion y gymuned leol a’r gwydnwch a’r gallu eithriadol o fewn y gymuned honno i ymateb i’r rhai mewn angen.

**Aneurin Bevan had glimpsed the incredible strength of the people of our communities, of the very best of community spirit and it was our neighbourly capacity for good that led him to trust that “It [the NHS] will last as long as there are folk left with the faith to fight for it.” A dyma ein tasg ni.**

Gwyddom fod y dewrder a’r gallu hwn yn dal i fod yn bresennol yn ein Gwasanaeth iechyd. Wedi'r cyfan dyma'r rheswm pam y dyfarnodd y diweddar Frenhines Groes Siôr i bedwar Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol y Deyrnas Unedig.The George Cross is at the top of the UK honour’s system - It is given for acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger. Mae mor haeddiannol.

But as our poetry from Hana Issa reminds us, work in Health Care always continues – it is closely related to the deepest and most mysterious love that we sang about in the wonderful William Williams hymn, “Dyma gariad fel y moroedd”. A reminder that we are always becoming the people we are made to be, always learning how to love. Mae mwy i'w ddarganfod bob amser.

As we pray this morning, we give thanks for all that we have inherited in our health service. We express our gratitude to those who have made the vision real by caring with a love that’s enduring, hopeful and courageous. We pray for strength and on-going commitment as we endeavour to support and carry this vital work forward. We ask for God to bless us and the whole NHS in this vital and hopeful work. Amen.