**4th Sunday of Lent Year A**

Faithful God, you hear the cries of your people and answer when we call on you to receive the prayers we offer.

Faithful God, we pray for the peoples of the world whose lives are shattered by coronavirus in so many ways, from individual health issues through to those whose businesses are suffering and whose livelihoods are threatened. Be with those who make and administer our laws and manage our finances as they seek to help our nation survive both businesses and individuals. Jesus Light of our world shed your purifying light on all leaders of nations and for our state and federal politicians.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for your Church throughout the world - the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Anglican Communion, our Archbishop and Bishops in our own diocese, for Dianne our Vicar and Greg our Curate for their discernment around the current coronavirus crisis for the changes needed to be made and our acceptance as parishioners. May our hearts be enlightened and show forth your glory in these times to those who cross our paths particularly in supermarkets.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God we pray for our community, that it may be a place of safety, where all are welcomed, respected and valued. We bring to you all who work to make our community a safe and caring place: for police, for ambulance and emergency services; and for those who care for the very elderly.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray that you walk with all people who are in need of your presence and support especially at this time due to the spread of the coronavirus throughout your world. May your sustaining presence be with those in hospital or self-isolation and with those caring for their needs in a variety of ways – doctors, nurses, ambulance, emergency workers and volunteers. We bring to you all who have asked for our prayers whom we lay on your altar this day.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We give you thanks for your holy people of every age, for all who following your example, have selflessly given their lives for others. We especially remember those whose yearly remembrance occurs at this time . . . . . . and those who have died recently . . . . . Jesus, Light of the world, accompany us through the night of death, that fixing our sights on you, we may travel unafraid and be drawn to the light of your presence.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**We may by your grace receive,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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