

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 28, 2021

Led By: *Jane Whittemore*

As we still our hearts and minds for Holy Week, let us pause to raise our prayers, thanksgivings and praise to God the Father saying: *“God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**”*

We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral land of Anishinaabe, Attawandron and Haudenosaunee people; the Dish with One Spoon; and Huron Tract Treaties. Creator God, you have made all races and nations to be one family on your Turtle Island. We pray that on our journey we live as you would have us, in love and harmony with one another and your creation.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mindful of the needs of friends and loved ones in our hearts, we pray for the people and clergy of our parish family at St. James. We ask your blessing for those celebrating birthdays this week: ***Charlotte McTavish, Mary Lou Kingham, James Noble, Dianne Hern, Felicity Parish.***

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer,**

We pray for our Queen and all leaders. We pray for Our Diocese of Huron and Todd our Bishop; for Anne, Archbishop of Ontario; for Mark, National Indigenous Archbishop; for Linda, Primate of Canada, and for Marinez, Bishop of Amazonia, our Companion Diocese.

In our Diocesan Chain of Prayer, we pray for All Saints, Waterloo and The Reverends Marty Levesque, Gordon Kennedy and Daniel Bowyer; St. Bede’s Chapel, Waterloo and The Venerable Megan Collings-Moore and The Reverend Victor Kischak; The Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo, and The Reverend Margaret Walker; and St. Columba Church, Waterloo.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, continuing to lift up our prayers for all who have been affected by COVID worldwide, and especially for our sisters and brothers in Amazonia, where the situation remains dire. We pray that the vaccines will

soon reach all people, equitably, everywhere. We pray that the vaccines and best social practices will put a halt to the spread of this virus, and that the variants may be contained.

We continue to pray for the release of the two Michaels, Alexi Navalny, the democratically elected leaders of Myanmar, and all who are imprisoned unjustly. We pray for the people of Myanmar, Yemen, Australia, Atlanta, and Boulder. We pray for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh as a massive fire is sweeping through their camp. We pray for the safety of all who learn and all who teach. We hold in our prayers all the frontline workers who continue to put their lives in jeopardy to keep our lives running smoothly.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, make us mindful of the forgotten and marginalized members of society, always keeping in mind the wanderers, the bereaved and the homeless and for those who have given up hope. We pray for all who are suffering from mental illness, or addiction of any kind, and for those whose yoke is heavy with burdens known to you alone. We pray that we may always see them as our neighbours, loving them as God loves us.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Caring God please heal the broken, give health to the sick, restore happiness to those who are stressed or in despair, bring love to the lonely, companionship to those feeling isolated, food to the hungry and peace to the world. We ask for healing and comfort for: *Marlin, Marilyn, Angela, Rob, Peter, Nikki, Ilene, Judy, Marion Abby Maggie D., Jack, Scott, Harold, Ulrika, Debbie, Marilyn, Lisa, Mary, Alexia, Judy & Erin, Tim, Paul, Judy, and Ed.* Knowing that you know their needs we pray for those resting heavily on our hearts, and for any that we may have forgotten.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we commend into your hands all those saints who have completed their earthly journey. Rest eternal grant to them and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Going forward this week may we walk alongside Christ as he enters Jerusalem.
Amen