**Intercessions for Pentecost 2021**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we ask in faith.

We thank you for the Ministry of your Son, and we remember the common faith which binds us all together, and our common mission to bring your peace to all the nations of the world. We pray for all churches everywhere, and for all those who serve them. We pray particularly today for the whole Anglican Communion, for the Archbishop of

Canterbury, for all primates and bishops, and specifically for the

Province of Melanesia and Leonard Dawea its Bishop, the Norwegian

Diocese of Nord Halogaland and Olav Oygard its Bishop, and the

Anglican Centre in Rome and Archbishop Ian Ernest its Director.

We ask also your blessing for Sarah our Bishop, for Richard our

Archdeacon, and for our own Ministers David, Paulette and Jane.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

We pray for the world and for all peoples. As we thank you for the courage and wisdom, the kindness and charity, which so many have shown across the globe in the fight against disease, let us also remember that old enemy, the prince of the world, and his servants who have once again used tragedy as a cover for their lies, their greed, and their cruelty, dividing your people and turning them against themselves. Help us to become witnesses to your truth and to fight boldly for your wisdom, your charity, and your love.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

We pray for our families, friends and community. As we stumble out into your sunshine and are able once again to resume a normal life help us to remember those who have suffered from loneliness, the death of loved ones, the lingering impacts of disease, and the damage wrought by poverty. Keep always in our minds that suffering existed before COVID, and will continue afterwards unless we act in your name not only to help individuals, but to change finally and forever the unjust systems which worsen suffering rather than reducing it. Help us to create your heaven from the hell that so many experience now.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

We ask you Lord to comfort and heal all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, and give your grace to all those who work for them. Support all those whose loved ones are in distress, and help us to give them strength and comfort.

**Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ, and according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace

**And rise to glory.**

We pray with Mary

**Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**