**Intercessions for Palm Sunday 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 for the whole

Anglican Communion, for the Archbishop of Canterbury, for all primates

And bishops, and particularly for the Holy Catholic Church of Hong Kong

And their Archbishop Andrew Chen, and for the Diocese of Funen in

Denmark and their Bishop Tine Lindhardt. We ask 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 prepare to welcome the citizens of Hong Kong being driven out by their own Government, may we recognise the importance of helping people from our other colonial conquests who are equally deserving of our aid. Help us to sympathise also with the Uighurs and other native inhabitants of China, and the Tibetan victims of invasion and conquest, who have no route to escape from the relentless persecution and brutality they are suffering because of their religion and culture.

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

We pray for our families, friends and community. We ask particularly for your support for all those who live and work in Hammersmith Grove, Benbow Road, Beauclerc Road, Agate Road and Amor Road. As the long night of death and lockdown finally starts to draw to a close, may we never forget both the sufferings of others, and the wonderful response of our community. As we return to some form of normality help us to use the experiences of last year to change for the better, and not to sink back with relief into our own selfish concerns, ignoring the loneliness and suffering that will continue in our community into the future. May we become channels for your love through our words and deeds.

**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.**

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, **Amen**.