**Intercessions for Pentecost**

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 particularly

today 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, and

for all primates and bishops, particularly for Leonard Dawea, Archbishop

of Melanesia, and Lauma Zusevika, Archbishop of the Latvian Church

Abroad. 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. We pray for all leaders everywhere, particularly those who in the face of our common enemy, disease, continue to play politics with the mental and physical health and wellbeing of their countries and citizens. Help them Lord to see the guilt they bear, and guide them to walk in the way of truth and life rather than that of evil and death. Teach us to be as wise as serpents, and help us to recognise those false prophets who peddle lies and seek to sow fear and division.

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

We pray for our families, friends and community. May we never forget the true meaning of our current sufferings, and of those who have sacrificed all for their families and friends, and help us teach our children the real truth rather than the misleading lies already being used to exploit our sacrifice for political gain. Remind us to teach them that no one is above your law, that it is through our example that your teachings will spread, and that when we are facing the hardest of choices we must act to help all rather than serve family and factional interest. We all look to lay down our life for family or friend; but you have taught us that everyone is our family and friend.

**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. We can never pay the debt we owe to the health and care workers and all other essential workers who have saved our lives at the risk of their own. Help us to ensure that their sacrifices are not forgotten and that we do not just sink back into our own comforts without making sure that they receive a fair share and fair treatment, even if it means we pay more. 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.**