**ASCENSION DAY INTERCESSIONS – SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020**

Having bought back our freedom with the giving of His life, Jesus enters into the full glory to which He is entitled.

As we celebrate together, let us pray together.

God of love, as we celebrate this festival of Jesus’ entry into heaven as Saviour and Lord, we pray for unity in the Church and reconciliation and renewed vision.

*Silence*

Both heaven and earth:

**are full of God’s glory.**

As we recall the shout of praise in heaven as the Lamb of God appears, we pray for all who are hailed as heroes and given great honour on earth;

For all who worship anyone or anything other than the true God.

*Silence*

Both heaven and earth:

**are full of God’s glory.**

We pray for all farewells and homecomings among our families and in our community, and for all who have lost touch with loved ones and long for reunion.

*Silence*

Both heaven and earth:

**are full of God’s glory.**

We pray for those who are full of tears, and cannot imagine being happy again; we pray for the hardened and callous, whose inner hurts have never yet been healed. We pray for wholeness and comfort and new life.

*Silence*

Both heaven and earth:

**are full of God’s glory.**

We commend to your eternal love those we remember who have died, and we pray too for those who miss their physical presence.

*Silence*

Both heaven and earth:

**are full of God’s glory.**

We praise and bless you, God of our making, for the way you draw us deeper into the meaning of life.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**