

Intercessions - Sunday 21 & 28 April 2024 – Easter 4 & Easter 5

Sunday 21 April Easter 4

Trusting in the loving kindness of our Good Shepherd, let us bring our prayers to God with thanksgiving and hope, saying Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for the healing of God's creation; that we may learn to care for our planet and for all living beings who inhabit it with us.

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for all the nations of this world; that we may learn to put aside our differences and work towards peace and an active love for one another.

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for justice and an equitable management of our world's resources; that all God's people might be fed and have shelter and know God's love for them.

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for the Church; in the Anglican Communion we pray today for **The Anglican Church of Australia, in the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Bishop Kevin, in the wider Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange). And our Charges of Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).** Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for all those who are suffering from debilitating illnesses & we pray for all who are seeking healing in body, mind or spirit (*names on the pewsheets*) and all who look after them. May healing and wholeness come to their lives.

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for those whose lives here are drawing to their close; that they, and those who love them, might know the loving presence of the Lord and be at peace in heart and soul. We pray for all who have died in the night past, and those who are known to us who have died recently (*departed list on pew sheets*) and those whose anniversary of death we remember this week (*Chantry Book list*). May they rest in peace, and rise in glory. Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

In the silence of this Holy place let us offer our own prayers to God.

silence

Loving God, as we offer these prayers to you we also offer ourselves. Help us to show your love in action towards all we meet. May we always see Christ in them and may they see Christ in us. Draw us all together to become one flock in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ., and so rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM, **St John the Evangelist/St Margaret of Scotland** our patron and all the Saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. **Merciful Father,....**

Sunday 28 April Easter 5

Jesus' earthly life was marked by his connection to God in prayer. So let us deepen our connection to the Lord as we offer our intercession, saying

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We give thanks that God's perfect love casts out fear, grateful for how God's love has enfolded us at times when we have been afraid.

Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for areas of conflict where fear and hostility run rampant, asking for God's love to reign and restore peace. Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for the unity of God's Church, asking for God's love to shine brightly among us, whatever our differences. Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for anyone we know who has turned away from faith in God's love, asking for it to be rekindled. Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for anyone we know who hardly knows what it is to be loved, asking for God's love to break through into their life. Lord hear us, **Lord Graciously hear us**

We pray for the Church; in the Anglican Communion we pray today for **The Church of Bangladesh, in the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Bishop Kevin, our Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan) and the Charges of Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Jackie Fenton, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans, Rob Thain) & St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Kirstin Freeman).**

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In the intimacy of God's holy silence let us offer our own prayers.

silence

God of love, as we bring our prayers to you, help us to be willing not only to hear but to be part of your answer, and so rejoicing in the fellowship of the BVM, **St John the Evangelist/St Margaret of Scotland** our patron and all the Saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. **Merciful Father,....**