

Sunday 4 May – Third Sunday of Easter

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord, who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Saviour of the world, be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain, and bring hope even in the darkest night. Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today. We pray especially today for the people of Gaza and Ukraine. As we remember the 80th anniversary of the end of the second world war we give grateful thanks for the sacrifice of those who gave their all in service to our nation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of the Church, empower by your Spirit all Christian people, especially those suffering persecution for their faith. We pray for the work of your Church in every land. Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, guide and enable all who lead and serve this community and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. As our young people enter exam season, we pray for all facing exams that they may give of their best. We pray for all our schools, the young people and the teachers and support staff. We pray for our village. Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to Jenny and Ken Hornett, Alfred Johnson, Jan Barker, Jennifer Allan and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Conqueror of death, remember for good those whom we love but see no longer. We pray today for the family and friends of Stephen Castell, Donald Clough, Patricia Guerrier and Phil Cook. From our memorial book we remember and give thanks for the lives of Evelyn Hulquist, Glennece Giles,

Frederick Murray and Duncan Nutt. Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

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