

Prayers of Intercession – April 5, 2020

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, awaken your church to new proclamations of your faithfulness. By your Spirit, give us bold and joyful words to speak, that we sustain the weary with the message of your redemption. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, quiet the earth where it trembles and shakes. Protect vulnerable ecosystems, threatened habitats, and endangered species. Be with all those touched by the coronavirus. Prosper the work of scientists, engineers, and researchers who find ways to restore creation to health and wholeness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, drive away fear and anger that cause us to turn against one another. Give courage to leaders who seek liberation for the oppressed. Bring peace and hope to those who are in prison and those who face execution. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, send your saving help to all who suffer abuse, insult, discrimination, or contempt. Heal the wounded. Comfort the dying. Bring peace to those suffering chronic or terminal illness. Tend to all who cry out for relief especially Audrey, Matthew, Linda, Joyce, Jerry, John, Patty and family, Shirley, Dorothy, Anastasia, Don, Grace, Jennifer, Pastor David, Pastor Lanny, Stuart, Gabriel, Jeanne, Ed, Jan, Karin, Joe, Signe, Sheilagh, Janet, Florence, Edgar, Emile, Barb, Sarah, Donald, Billie, Elise, Al & Henry, the family of Ralf Doege *as well as those who we name now, either silently on our hearts, or aloud...* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, we pray for all who will prepare and lead worship in this Holy Week. In all things, show us the ways that you call us to die to self, to live for you, and to give of ourselves for the sake of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of mercy, when we breathe our last, you raise us to eternal life. With all your witnesses in heaven and on earth, let us boldly confess the name of Jesus Christ, our resurrection and our hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

April 5 – Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

Procession with Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the LORD submits to suffering

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The passion of the Lord

Matthew 27:11-54 (alternate)

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