

Heavenly Father, we come before you on this Palm Sunday when your beloved Son set out for Jerusalem on a donkey, with palms beneath their feet and Hosannas echoing in their ears, knowing that he was on his way to a cruel death.

After a year of an unbelievable pandemic, we pray for our sad world, and all those who continue to suffer from this, never forgetting the desperately benighted people of Syria and the Yemen.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for your holy church of whatever denomination throughout the world, remembering our Archbishops and Bishops, and giving you thanks for the visit of Jo Wells last Sunday. Give them, and all who aid them, strength and support to make your words of love and forgiveness heard with understanding everywhere.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

King of Kings, We pray for our gracious Queen Elizabeth, giving thanks that Prince Philip is back home with her, to give her his much needed support and help, praying that all their important dates later this year will bring joy to them, and to all of us.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Loving Spirit, we pray for ourselves, our families, friends and neighbours, especially those who are suffering from illness, poor health, loneliness, and those who mourn for those they loved and whom they see no more, as we give thanks to our NHS., our doctors and nurses and those who are supporting them over this vaccination period.

Comfort all those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit and help us to give them comfort in their woes, praying that they will feel the comfort of your healing love.

Lord, in your mercy – Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, as Lent comes to an end, may we pray with you, and to you, on Good Friday, as we long to celebrate your glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.