

Llandaff Cathedral 11am Passion Sunday 29 March 2020

Almighty God, although we are separated from each other physically for the time being, nevertheless we remain united in spirit as the community of Llandaff Cathedral in Christ's name. We beseech you to hear us as we offer our intercessions for ourselves and, more importantly, for the needs of others.

Father, as our Lenten journey draws us nearer towards Calvary and Easter, we pray for your Church throughout the world; for all bishops, priests and deacons, that they may faithfully continue to fulfil their vocation in supporting and guiding your flock in imaginative ways whilst church buildings are closed; for all your people who miss the comfort of common worship; and especially those who are persecuted for their faith, those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross, and those who are seeking it. Breathe new life into your Church that we may have the courage to continue to proclaim Jesus as the Resurrection and the Light.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The world today faces an unprecedented enemy in the coronavirus. Heavenly Father, we pray for those in the darkness and fear of sickness, isolation, bereavement and grief. Heal them with your life-giving Spirit that they may know that they are not alone. Grant eternal rest to the departed. Lift up those in distress. Strengthen and inspire the scientists who are seeking to develop cures and vaccines for this disease.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Healing God, we ask you to accept our thanks for the unstinting labours of all health workers, our emergency services, those who produce and distribute our food and keep our public services going, generously risking their own health and safety. Enrich them with your grace and love and give them strength to continue their invaluable work.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we praise you for inspiring a renewed sense of community and for the upsurge in neighbour supporting neighbour, particularly helping the elderly and

find mercy in the love of Christ, and may we reflect your love for us in our own thoughts, words and deeds in the days to come.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Finally, Father, rejoicing in the fellowship of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Dyfrig, Teilo and Euddogwy and all your saints, we commend ourselves and your whole creation to your unfailing love.

*Merciful Father, accept our prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ*

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