

## St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey

### Intercessions - First Sunday after Trinity, 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020



As we come together this morning to share our intercessions, I thought it would be good to have a focus between our prayers to look at our church's East Window. Our reading today relates how Jesus appointed his disciples to go out and heal the sick in his name. In Matthew Chapter 10, he named them. The upper division of the window, which is not obscured by the alabaster reredos, shows Christ in the Centre, with John the Baptist, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John the Evangelist, and Peter. When we get back into church you will be able to see them more clearly. If you look at the picture for a few minutes, you may be able to make out the shape of a large cross which goes from top to bottom and both sides of the window.

#### **NOW LET US PRAY:**

#### **The response to the bidding 'Lord in your Mercy' is 'Hear our prayer'**

Lord Jesus Christ, we have confidence to come before you with our petitions because you have said that where two or three are gathered in your name, you will be in the midst of them. We trust in your promise and bring before you our intercessions this morning.

We pray for our Queen, Elizabeth, who has spent her life fulfilling her duty to you and to the people. We pray too for Prince Philip, her consort. We pray for those mandated to lead us, temporally or spiritually, that they will, in these uncertain times, act with integrity and justice.

#### **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain. We pray especially today for the family of Robert Eaves who was tragically killed recently while cycling. We pray for his wife Eleanor, and his daughters Issy, Milly and Isla. We cannot imagine their grief, Lord, but we pray that your love will surround the whole family at this time.

#### **Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, facing the turbulence of persecution and oppression. We pray for those who are awaiting

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results from their asylum applications. We pray that they will find the hope and strength they need to keep firm in their faith. Gracious Christ, who sent out your disciples to do your work in your name, help us, by our lives as well as our words to pass on the good news of the gospel of your love.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we bring before you this morning the children and young people of our parish. We pray for those who are worried and upset about the Coronavirus; for those who cannot understand why they are unable to go back to school; for those who may be at risk at home.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, when our lives feel chaotic and desolate because of illness, financial worry, or sorrow, help us to hear your voice. With that voice Jesus calmed the storm and by it he healed and made whole. We pray for those we know who are sick, who are bereaved, or otherwise in need, that you will touch their lives and bless them.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Let us conclude our prayers by saying together the words of the Grace.

**May the Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore, Amen.**

Every blessing.

Christine Armstrong