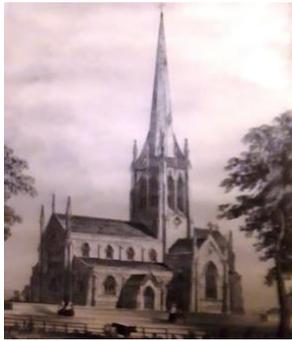


St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey
Intercessions for 10th Sunday after Trinity – 16th August 2020



Good morning. I thought you might like to see a photograph of St. Margaret's Church as it was when it was built in 1855. Since then we have lost the steeple and have extended substantially at the west end of the church.

Now, let us pray.

The response to the bidding 'Lord, in your mercy' is 'hear our prayer'.

In the power of the spirit and in the name of Christ let us pray to the Father. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank you that we can bring before you our cares and concerns this morning, trusting that you will hear us.

We pray for our Queen, Elizabeth, for our bishops, Ministers and all who work in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world. We pray for those who are in authority in this and every nation, that they may walk in the ways of justice and peace and seek the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray especially this morning for all those whose lives have been shattered by the disastrous explosion in Beirut. For the thousands who have been made homeless and for the hundreds of grieving families. We pray for those who are working hard to bring help and succour to the injured and grieving.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, give grace to us, our families and friends and all in this community that we may serve Christ in one another, endeavouring to love as he loves us. Comfort and heal those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Give all of us the strength of belief of the Canaanite woman whose faith moved the heart of Jesus your Son whilst he was on earth.

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We pray for those who are persecuted. Lord God, your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his resurrection he restores life and peace. Comfort, we pray, all victims of injustice and those oppressed by their fellow humans. Lead the oppressors towards compassion, we pray, and give hope to the suffering.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving God, your Son told his disciples to suffer the little children to come to him. Lead us to work for the welfare and protection of all young people. May we, following Christ's example, respect their dignity so that they may flourish in life. We thank you for the children of our congregation. We pray for all the children who have not been able to be in church during the coronavirus crisis. For our Sunday School and for our Brownies, guides and Rainbows. We pray for them and for their leaders that you will be with them and bless them.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father; You know our hearts and share our sorrows. When we long for words of comfort we sometimes find them hard to hear. We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that their grief will be turned into a firmer hope of being reunited in you.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We end 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