

## Prayers of the People

Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To the words 'Loving God', we reply 'Hear our prayer'.

We pray for the church - may it bring us healing strength and openness to you. May we be led in the way of your truth. Loving God...

We pray for your world, for all nations longing for peace, justice, and tranquillity, and pray for those many areas where those qualities do not exist. Loving God...

We are here before you on this Palm Sunday to give you thanks. We realise that you went to Jerusalem knowing the risks, but never turning back. You accepted the praise of the people as they recognised you as their leader; you set out knowing along a way that was most wonderful and terrible. Loving God...

When next we walk on the sandstones, let us remember the voice of your creation, truth, and justice. Loving God...

When we share the bread and wine it reminds us that Jesus enjoyed a meal with his friends. May we join together to share the same friendship and love. Loving God...

We pray now for those whose lives are limited by sickness, grief, or fear. May your compassion bring them comfort and courage. We pray especially for those who we now name silently or aloud. *Pause...* Loving God...

Creator God, accept our prayers as we seek to draw closer to you. Strengthen our faith. Help us to be a sign of your love in the world; help us to know our true self and yield to your love. Amen