

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday (ABC)

When the Liturgy of the Palms has preceded, the Nicene Creed and the Confession of Sin may be omitted. (BCP, p. 273)

Intercessor As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the Paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us pray to God in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name, saying: *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may be strengthened to take up our cross, follow in his way, and share in his redeeming work. *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For this parish family, that we who are called to be the community of the crucified One, may empty ourselves as Christ did, serving with unselfish love. *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For peace in all the world and an end to war and violence, that those in positions of leadership may respond to all who cry out for food, justice, dignity, and peace. *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For all who will be baptized, that they may share with us in the inheritance of New Life in the Risen Christ, *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For all who must bear the cross each day: for those far from home, those who endure shame or threat, and for the weary and all who suffer, remembering especially those commended to our prayers..... that they may find strength and hope in the God of life. *Hear our prayer, O God.*

For those who have died, remembering especially that they may rest in Christ and be raised into his glory. *Hear our prayer, O God.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Hear the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and give us courage and grace to follow his example of obedient love, to walk in the way of the cross, and to share in his glorious resurrection, that we may live in the power of his Spirit, now and forever. *Amen.*