

## **Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

God our Father, who understands suffering and loss,  
help us to appreciate the enormity of your generosity,  
in sending your Son to minister to us  
and bring us back from the brink.

As we cry 'Hosanna' and join the crowds in strewing the path  
with palms, we look ahead to the crown of thorns awaiting him.  
May we recognize the glory to come in the way of the cross.  
Give us the strength to survive our own moments,  
of doubt and testing,  
of challenge and pain,  
knowing that we can never suffer as he suffered.  
Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

Dear Lord, As, we approach the glory and joy of Easter,  
we pray for the state of the Church,  
so that your word can be spread  
and your love can be known more widely.

We pray for our church here at St John the Baptist and all Oldham East Churches especially we  
pray for St Thomas church at Friarmere, Revd, Sharon Jones, John Rosedale, and Richard  
Lambert.

Let your Church 'do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you.  
Lord in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

In our own community we pray for everyone at St John Church, all local schools all the residents  
and staff at Oakdene and Millfield nursing and residential homes, those who live on Holly Grove.  
Also pray for Marie Thorley, William Thorley, George Thorley, Eleanor Schofield, Evan Arundel,  
whose anniversary baptism fell last week, Olivia Hampson, and Emilia Heap whose Baptism  
anniversary falls this week. We pray for all those who are preparing for Baptism. Also, couples  
who are preparing for their marriage.

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick and all those who bring comfort, care and professional skill to the relief of  
pain and treatment of illness.

We remember those in urgent need of our prayers, Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Enid Firth,  
Evelyn, Mary Lawton, Gordon Lawton, Alma, Grace Stansfield, Bernard, Mark, Betty Heap,  
Andrew Fawcett, Lucy Rigby, Charlie Standring, Lucy, George, Dave Owen, David Owen, Suzie  
Belle, Duke of Edinburgh, Leslie Hodinott, William John, Barbara Lewis and, we remember those  
unknown to us.

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have recently died and are now in the peace of your eternal kingdom,  
especially we pray for Barrie Dunn, Thomas Boresbey, Lynn Berkley, Fred Buckley, and Brenda  
Sales, Barbara Forsyth. Comfort family and friends who mourn, and let fond memories wipe out  
the tears.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**