

Church Intercessions – Second Sunday of Easter 19-04-2020

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 20:19-31

Blessing and praise be to you, Lord our God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By your great mercy you have given us new life and new hope through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.

You have bought us into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading and in heaven.

To you be praise, through Christ our Risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord, we give thanks for all who, though they have not seen you, have believed. We give thanks for the disciples and your appearing to them in the upper room. Help us to know that, in times of challenge and struggle, you are with us in your risen power.

We pray for Christians who are fearful of persecution, for all who are suffering because of their faith.

May your Church speak out boldly in the power of your resurrection.

Christ, risen Lord, be with us
and give us your peace.

We pray for all who are working to alleviate the suffering due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

We pray for Nurses, Doctors and all healthcare workers, that they would be kept safe and strengthened to care.

We pray for all Politicians, the World Health Organisation and those in positions of power and influence, that they would work together to stop the spread and find a vaccine.

We pray for ourselves as we live with restrictions to our normal lives, knowing that although it may be hard, it is for the good of us all.

We pray for all who are sick now, and for all who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

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and give us your peace.

We give thanks for those who taught us the faith, who shared their beliefs with us.
We are grateful for all who have set us examples to follow.
May we rejoice in your presence in our homes.
May you strengthen our faith whilst we are unable to worship together in person.
May we show forth your power in our lives.
Bless us in all our dealings and relationships.

Christ, risen Lord, be with us
and give us your peace.

We pray for all who suffer from guilt or fear,
all who are struggling to live because they are afraid of risk and danger.
We pray for all who need healing from past hurts,
for the healing of memories, for all who are suffering from losing loved ones
through accidents, crime or illness.

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and give us your peace.

We give thanks for all who have passed beyond death and rejoice in your kingdom.
For all who have triumphed over sin and suffering and are now at peace.

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and give us your peace.

Adapted from "Clouds and Glory – Prayers for the Church Year" David Adam