**Sunday 24th March**

**Palm Sunday**

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;*

*His steadfast love endures for ever!*

*Psalm 118:1*

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O God, we come to you, praying for a world in need of your steadfast love.

As a massive heatwave closes schools in Sudan, and this planet groans with pain, we pray

* For those most affected by the outcomes of climate change
* For those working to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather
* For those working to stop the world’s temperature rising

May they experience your steadfast love.

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O God, we come to you, praying for nations and political systems

in need of your steadfast love.

As society breaks down in Haiti, as wars continue in Russia and Ukraine, in Gaza and Israel, and as war leaders appear to flourish in power, we pray

* For stability in Haiti
* For peace and justice in Israel and Gaza, in Ukraine and Russia
* For the work of peace makers and peace keepers

May they experience your steadfast love.

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O God, we come to you, praying for your Church,

in this place, this land, this world, for we are in need of your steadfast love.

As we seek to follow Jesus on his journey into the city, as he brings news of your love and justice, as he confronts misguided or corrupt authorities, we pray

* For those in leadership in your church today
* For those who teach the Christian faith
* For those whose faith leads them to serve others who are in need

May they and we experience your steadfast love.

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;**

**his steadfast love endures for ever!**

O God, we come to you, praying for others and ourselves in time of difficulty and challenge.

As we ponder experiences of sickness, struggle and sadness, we pray

* For all who struggle with ill health and those who care for them
* For all who find life a struggle and for those who support them
* For those weighed down with sadness and those who comfort them

May they and we experience your steadfast love.

And we pray these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

the one who demonstrated your steadfast love by travelling all the way to the Cross.

**Amen.**

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