

Intercessions Year C Easter 3 Apr. 10

Those who know Jesus and recognize that he is the anointed Saviour are commissioned to go out as his witnesses to proclaim the good news.

Let us gather with our prayers before God who knows each of us by name.

Today's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin, is pause

Here I am Lord, **send me!**

Gracious God, we thank you that the Church is made up of real people, that it is a school for sinners, and that you can work with us and through us straight away. Today's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin, is (pause)

Here I am Lord, **send me!**

Gracious God, we pray for the newly baptised and those who have recently returned to you; help us, as your Church, to support them well and delight in them as members together of the body of Christ. (pause) Here I am Lord, **send me!**

Gracious God, we pray for your strength and protection against all hypocrisy and double standards in our society. We pray for a spirit of genuine service among all who lead and in all areas where we have authority. (pause) Here I am Lord, **send me!**

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will make our homes and our relationships places where people know, by the way we look at them and treat them, that they are valued, cherished and respected for who we are. (pause) Here I am Lord, **send me!**

Heavenly Father, as we call to mind all whom have learned to regard themselves with contempt, draw near to them and whisper their name so that they may discern the truth of your love and respect for them. And use our lives to affirm one another. (pause) Here I am Lord, **send me!**

We pray for the dying and those who have recently died, commending them to the joy and safe-keeping of your love. We give thanks for all those who know and love us and help us grow in faith.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen