

## **Transcript from Bishop Libby's video – "Peace be with you"**

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My friends, peace be with you.

This morning, again, in Morning Prayer, I read in the canticle "The Lord Almighty, God of our ancestors, who made Heaven and Earth in all their glory, immeasurable and unsearchable is your promised mercy, for you are God most high, you are full of compassion, long suffering and very merciful."

This is the God we worship, even perhaps especially in the midst of the anxiety of the crisis we now face. And it is at such a time as this that we are called to be the Church, to continue our prayer and worship, our learning and our service, even more so now than ever before. It may well be that we have to discover new ways to be the Body of Christ; new ways to pray together, to learn together, to worship together, to offer service to one another, but that continues to be our calling to be the Body of Christ, to bring every aspect of our community and our national life to God in prayer and worship, and then allow ourselves to be used in his service.

The updates about guidance and advice for us as individuals and as communities will continue to be communicated from me directly and through our diocesan website, but my prayer is that we continue to grow the fruits of the spirit, that we are able to know and to show love and joy and peace, patience and kindness and goodness and self-control, faithfulness and generosity, and that these things will mark us as Christ's people in these coming days and weeks and months. Whatever shape our lives individually and together take as we face this virus together and its implications, remember that God is full of mercy and compassion and has never failed us and will not do now.

Peace be with you.

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