**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, as we share the Risen life of Christ in the scriptures and the breaking of Bread, we bring our prayers before you as we pray:

1. That all who gather to celebrate the Lord’s rising from the dead and who share his Body and Blood may recognize him in the scriptures and the breaking of bread. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all who doubt or struggle with faith and belief in God. In his Divine Mercy, may the Lord’s merciful love draw them deeper into relationship with Him. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For peace in our world: that Christ’s gift of peace may rest in the hearts of all people and guide them away from injustice, prejudice, racism, bigotry, violence, and war. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For all those who were recently welcomed into the life of the Church; may God’s love and presence nourish them through the celebration and grace of the Sacraments. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all artists, musicians, and writers: inspire their imaginations and creativity through the Easter story. May their work awaken in us a deeper love of God and commitment to our faith. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For the grace to forgive; that flowing from God’s forgiveness of us, we may forgive those whom we find it difficult to forgive. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For our dead: may our loved ones find a new home in the eternal peace of heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Merciful Father, as we bring before you our prayers, let our faith in your Son’s resurrected glory be like that of Thomas so that we too can declare ‘my Lord and my God’. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**