**Easter Sunday**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** Christ is risen, alleluia! By raising Jesus from the dead, God changed sin and death to grace and life. Confidently, we bring our prayers to the Holy One.

For the Church: inspired by the courage and enthusiasm of the first Christians, may we confidently proclaim the Good News of the empty tomb. **Lord, hear us.**

For the leaders of our nations and world: inspired by the promise of hope in the resurrection, may they offer hope to those in greatest need through the distribution of the world's basic resources. **Lord, hear us.**

For Christians throughout the world who are persecuted because they bear the name of Christ; may their right to worship in freedom always be upheld as a fundamental human right. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those received into the Church at the Easter vigil; supported by our prayers and encouraged by our witness, may they continue to grow in their understanding of the paschal mystery. **Lord, hear us.**

For peace in our world: may the hope of the resurrection bring reconciliation and lasting peace to countries torn apart by conflict and war. **Lord, hear us.**

For our parish community: may the light of Christ’s victory over death, inspire us in our care of one another, those in need, the poor, the weak and the vulnerable. **Lord, hear us.**

For those who have died; grant them the fullness of life in the Resurrection on the last day. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God of glory and power, we thank you for the resurrection of your Son. Hear the prayers we offer you through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**