PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

PRIEST: Like Peter, may we recognise Jesus and trust that God will hear the prayers we offer in faith:

READER: For Pope Francis and for bishops, priests and deacons that they may grow in faith and love each day for Christ and his Church. (pause) Lord in your mercy

- READER: For the whole Church, that her leaders and members will be mindful of their responsibility to serve the world in humility and faith. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For our world, and for all who have suffered the tragedy of sudden or unexpected loss, especially for those whose loved ones have died alone. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who are seeking a deeper knowledge of Jesus: that through the scriptures they may gain insights which will lead to greater faith and reverence. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For the young people of our parish, that they may be blessed with a safe and peaceful transition back to school or college. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who are sick or suffering in any way, and for those who have died, that they will know Christ's healing love. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God of infinite love and wisdom, we ask you to hear these, our prayers. Continue to keep us faithful to Christ so that we may one day rejoice in the resurrection of the righteous. We ask this through Christ our Lord.