PRIEST: As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection,

confident that Christ intercedes for us at the right hand

of the Father, we make our prayers in his name:

READER: For Pope Francis, that he may be blessed with the gifts

of integrity, courage and humility as he feeds the flock

that the Lord has entrusted to his care.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are persecuted for the sake of the Gospel,

that the Holy Spirit will bless them as they witness to the Risen Lord.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the leaders of nations, that they may work for the good of all

and strive for peace, justice and the flourishing of all humanity.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community,

that we will always provide a welcome for the Lord,

in the many guises in which we meet him.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the housebound,

that Jesus, the risen Saviour, may give them grace and strength.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,

in Christ you have made us your daughters and sons. Give us the grace, we pray, to accept and live to the full

the new life you have given us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen