PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- **PRIEST:** God our Father has given us all, through Christ, a share in the power of his resurrection. We turn to him in prayer, who is the source of all life and goodness.
- READER: For the Church, the Body of Christ, that she may continue to proclaim the saving power of Christ's resurrection, by which we are raised from the death of sin to the new life of grace. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all in public office, that they may understand the passing value of the things of this world and realise the immortal destiny of each person. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For all who minister to the dying, that by their words and example they may bear witness that God has robbed death of its power. (*pause*) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For those who have been recently bereaved and are suffering the loss of a loved one, that the Lord may be close to them and fill them with hope in the Resurrection. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- READER: For our community, especially those sick or suffering in any way, that they will be strengthened by the knowledge of God's love. (pause) Lord in your mercy
- PRIEST: God of the Resurrection, you heard the prayer of Jesus your son and raised Lazarus from the dead; hear our prayers that we, too, may share in the new life you offer us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen