PRIEST: On this holy day when Jesus Christ rose from the dead

and restored our life of grace

we turn to God our Father in prayer

asking for all our needs:

READER: For all who believe in the Resurrection:

that through our sharing in the life of the Risen Lord,

this Easter may mark for us a new beginning in our life of faith.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For peace in our world: that the peace promised by the Lord

will become a reality for all people.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all those baptised

or received into full communion with the Church this Easter,

that they may continue to grow in faith & love of God.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: That people of every nation may come to share the joy of this day,

and that the Good news of the death and Resurrection of Christ

may gladden the hearts of all.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all whose lifelong vigil for the Lord has ended

and who now sleep in death, that they may live forever in Christ

who has destroyed the power of death and opened the gates of heaven to all.

PRIEST: God our Father,

through Christ you have made us

your daughters and sons.

We pray for the grace to accept and live to the full

the new life you have given us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen