

PRIEST: Jesus has promised us: 'wherever two or three are gathered in my name there am I in their midst.' Let us unite ourselves with Christ and make our prayers to the Father through him.

READER: **For peace and goodwill among the disciples of Christ,  
for unity within the community of the Church and especially  
for a stronger sense of unity in our Diocese and our communities.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For peace in our world, that people of every nation  
may strive to address issues of peace and justice  
by offering themselves in service to others**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who eat the bitter herbs of slavery and oppression  
that they may know the liberty that is truly theirs as children of God.**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For those who live in poverty  
that the world may begin to share more justly  
the many resources that God has given**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

READER: **For all who have come here tonight  
to celebrate this Mass of the Lord's Supper,  
that just as Christ has given himself to us in the Eucharist  
we may learn to share our lives with others**

*(pause)*

**Lord in your mercy**

PRIEST: God our Father,  
you have given us the Body and Blood of Christ your Son  
to nourish us on our journey through life.  
Give us your strength that we truly may be your disciples  
and come at last to the banquet of eternal life.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ  
who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen