PRIEST: The Lord has gathered people from all races and nations into the Kingdom.

As the body of Christ gathered in this place,

we turn to the Father with our prayers and petitions:

READER: For the Church, that she may be a community of welcome

for all the peoples of the earth.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For the gathering of the nations, that all the peoples of the earth

may be brought together in solidarity, peace and justice.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all whose faith is compromised by the pressures

of modern living, that we may trust ever more powerfully

in the revelation of God's love.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For our own parish community,

that we may be strong in the teachings of Christ as we take the narrow path to eternal life with him.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

READER: For all who are ill or suffer any disability,

and for those recently bereaved,

that God may support them, strengthen them and lift them up.

(pause)

Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: God our Father,

as we celebrate the mystery

of the life, death and resurrection of Christ, grant that he may dwell in us and we in him,

for he is Lord for ever and ever.