

## **PRESIDER**

**Dear friends, on this holy night/day we rejoice and are glad, for Christ is risen as he said. Let us pray with fervent faith for the hopes of the world.**

## **READER**

**We pray for Pope Francis and all faith leaders that they inspire the world-wide Christian community to be an unmistakable sign of God's saving love for all peoples on earth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.**

**We pray for a new dawn of peace and mercy to break upon the world, that weapons of war be laid down, hostilities cease and wounds begin to heal. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.**

**We pray for every person baptised, confirmed and welcomed to the eucharistic table at the Easter Vigil, that they be filled every day with the joy of the Gospel. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.**

**We pray for the Catholic faithful of Australia, that their hopes for a spirited outcome from the Plenary Council will be fulfilled. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.**

**We pray for the voters of the nation, that in the lead-up to the federal election they will wisely consider who will best promote social and climate justice. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.**

**We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will share to the full in Christ's victory over death. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.**

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**Saving God, you made the cross of Christ a tree of life for all. Make us untiring apostles of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**