

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus farewelled his disciples with the parting promise of the Spirit. Sharing in their joyful expectation, let us pray for the world to welcome the good news.

READER

We pray for all who have been baptised in Christ and anointed with the Holy Spirit, that their lives of joyful praise will bear witness to the gift of God's life-giving love. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Christian churches around the world, that in all their rich diversity they will testify with one voice to the saving mystery of Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the hungry and fearful in theatres of war, refugee camps and places of natural disaster, that the world community will respond humanely and generously to their needs. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family, that the observance of both World Environment Day (5 June) and World Ocean Day (8 June) will encourage everyone to protect the natural environment which God has given us (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australia's First Nations peoples, that the observance of Mabo Day (3 June) will deepen their connection to country and help them treasure their cultural heritage. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will follow Christ, their supreme high priest, into the eternal house of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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Ever-living God, you raised your faithful Son out of death and restored him to glory at your right hand. In your kindness, bless us with the fervent desire to follow him with all our hearts. We ask this through Christ, our risen and ascended Lord.