

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus calls us, like his first disciples, to let go of fear and put our faith in him. With confidence in his power to save, let us pray for a new heaven and a new earth.

## **READER**

We pray for church communities around the world, that they might be inspired by the bold faith of Saints Peter and Paul and bear missionary witness to Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the citizens of the many nations engaged in elections this year, that they will vote conscientiously for candidates pledged to serve with justice, integrity and care for the common good. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for a new spirit of respect to sweep through the Australian community, that the blessings we enjoy as a peaceful society will not be lost through division and discontent. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the residents of aged care facilities, that they will receive the physical, spiritual and emotional nurturing that accords with their human dignity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish community, that together we will welcome the many gifts of the Holy Spirit and enable them to bear much fruit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be made a wholly new creation in Christ. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

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God of majesty and mystery, you chose to take flesh among us in the person of Jesus. May he guide and lead us until we see you face and face. We ask this through Christ our Lord.