

## **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, welcome or unwelcome, Jesus announced the good news of God's reign. Let us be steadfast in our prayer for a new heaven and a new earth.

## **READER**

We pray for Pope Francis, that his prophetic calls for church renewal, for human solidarity and for care of the earth will be heard and heeded. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all the baptised, that their faith will be strong, their hope lively, and their love all-embracing. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the people of Tonga, that timely aid and their strong community spirit will help them recover quickly from the devastation of the volcanic eruption. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all workers in essential services, that their health and safety not be jeopardised by the demands of the pandemic. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for parents, teachers and children, that the start of the school year will be safe, peaceful and full of promise. (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 see God face to face and live in love forever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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All-loving God, you never cease to raise up heralds of hope among us. Give us the courage to welcome your word and live by it. We ask this through Christ our Lord.