

Feast of the Epiphany Year C, 5 January 2025.

PRESIDER

Dear friends, today we rejoice in the revelation of God's saving grace for all humankind. With confidence and peace we place the hopes of the world in God's loving hands.

READER

We pray for all members of the human family. May we proclaim our common humanity and work together for global peace and freedom. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who care for our natural world. May they reveal the glory of creation to us and inspire us to cherish and protect it. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Eastern Christian churches celebrating Epiphany today. May they enrich the whole Body of Christ with their time-honoured traditions of faith and worship. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful of Australia's country dioceses, especially those that are most remote and under-resourced. May their grass-roots ministry strengthen the solidarity of local communities. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for emergency and essential service workers on duty through the summer holidays. May they keep themselves and the whole community safe. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they see God face to face and live in glory for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

God of unfailing mercy, your Son has led us out of the shadow of death into your glorious light. Help us live always as children of the light. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.