

PRESIDER

Dear friends, today we join Jesus on his way through Jerusalem to Calvary and on to the tomb. In union with him, let us pray for the world to see God's saving power at work in our human weakness.

READER

We pray for the whole human family, especially those who are suffering great pain or distress, that God's spirit will strengthen the hope and love that binds us all together.

(Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for the church, that in this Jubilee Year of Hope all the baptised will testify with their lives to the saving mercy of God at work in our world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for Christians who face persecution, hostility or discrimination for their faith in Christ, that like Isaiah's suffering servant they will refuse to lose trust in God's pledge of love. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all working tirelessly to find healthy solutions to global warming, that their expertise and strong community support will help keep the planet safe. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for young Australians voting for the first time this federal election, that they will value the opportunity to exercise this right and cast their vote conscientiously. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for all Lenten donors to Project Compassion, that their generous support for the work of Caritas Australia will continue faithfully throughout the year. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for our parish community, especially those preparing to receive the Easter sacraments, that everyone will take part in the paschal liturgies with grace and joy. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for those who have died recently . . . , and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised on high with Christ to the glory of God. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

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Holy God and Father of Jesus, you gave us your Son that we might come to life in him. Help us to always choose life and follow him with all our heart. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.