

PRIEST

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

1. In this week of Prayer for Christian unity – Ascension to Pentecost – that Christian churches around the world, that in all their rich diversity they will testify with one voice to the saving mystery of Christ. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
2. 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) Lord hear us: R/
3. For the followers of Islam, that their festive celebration of the Greater Eid will be joyful and faith-filled. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
4. For young Australian men at risk of taking their own lives, that they will acknowledge the pain they feel and reach out for the help they need. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
5. We pray our sick family and friends especially those mentioned in our Newsletter. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/
6. For those who have died recently, all whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, and our own departed family and friends, especially, Mio Simovic, Anthony Connel, Graeme Baker, Bettine O’Sullivan, Rita Verrocchi, Jill Gleeson, Andre Silva, Pasquale Ginevra, Frederick Angelo Tosolini, Giovannina Pesavento, Carolina Antolovic, Michael Butler, Said Shamieh: that they will follow Christ, their supreme high priest, into the eternal house of God. (PAUSE) Lord hear us: R/

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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. Amen