

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRIEST: Christ is the Good Shepherd who gives his life for his flock. In our Eucharist today filled with gratitude for the gift of eternal life, let us rejoice.

READER: As disciples of Christ we must learn to recognise and respond to his his presence in the poor and displaced. May our hearts be open to love those who need us. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

As children of God, may our hearts be filled with love, integrity and joy and true images of Christ. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

We pray that we may never be afraid of proclaiming the Good News, even in the face of hatred, opposition and indifference. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the worshippers of God everywhere, May we all sing for ever of his love and work together for justice and salvation in our world. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those who would do us harm, because of our faith in the risen Lord Jesus. May they experience the love and mercy that God is offering. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

We pray for Missionaries everywhere, may their faith and courage be strengthened with love and compassion. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead... and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **Lord in Your Mercy, Response: Hear our Prayer**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us: **Hail Mary...**

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for hearing and answering our prayers because we ask them through your Son Our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN