

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
The Fourth Sunday of Easter (4B)

Intercessor Let us pray for the needs of all God's children in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, saying: *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may give bold witness to Jesus the source of life and salvation. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that we who are known by Christ may gladly welcome into this flock all who will listen to the Lord's voice. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are searching, that they may encounter life and wholeness and so find the shepherd who searches and cares for them. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and all places where war and violence threaten lives, that God will shepherd and shield all those in danger. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the leaders of nations, that God will give them hearts like the Good Shepherd, compassion toward those who suffer, and wisdom to seek dialogue and peace. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially..... that they may be strengthened by the goodness and mercy of the Good Shepherd. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially..... that they may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Mark the Evangelist and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, hear our prayers, give us the cup of salvation to drink and keep us always in the fold of your divine love, that goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our life. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*