

Prayers of the People – Easter 2A

Intercessor On this day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad as we pray to God who has raised Jesus from the dead, saying: *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop and Audrey and Kevin our bishops, that by our witness and love we may be signs of the Risen Christ. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For this parish family that we may witness to Christ's resurrection with words and by serving the needs of others. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all those who live in fear and anxiety in this time of uncertainty, that the gift of Easter may give them peace and hope. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For peace in the Middle East, that world leaders will put aside hatred, division and destruction and turn to dialogue, diplomacy, justice and harmony. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For all those who work in healthcare, public safety and other essential services, that God will protect them and their families as they serve the common good. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, remembering especially....., that they may be welcomed to the fullness of joy prepare for them. *Alleluia! Hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer 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 we give praise and glory.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who gives us the Easter word of peace through Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers which we offer in the hope of glory and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*

Post-Communion Prayer:

**God of grace,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands**

the bread of life.
Strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love for you
and for each other;
through Jesus Christ the Risen Lord. Amen.