

Feast of the Ascension Year A, 17 May 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear friends, charged by Jesus to make disciples of all nations, let us pray for the whole world to hear the good news.

READER

We pray for the Church, that communities of faith around the world will be instruments of peace and beacons of hope. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the peoples most vulnerable to climate change, that Laudato si' Week this year will spur the whole human family to move from hope to action. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who wield influence in the field of social communication, that on this World Communications Day they will heed Pope Leo's call to 'preserve human voices and faces'. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Jewish community in Australia, that the observance of Shavuot this week will give them fresh heart as the Royal Commission into antisemitism conducts its hearings. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the boards of Catholic hospitals and aged care facilities, that they will be blessed with the wisdom they need to uphold faith-based ethical principles. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Robert Leister and Patricia Davies, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be raised to Christ whose glory fills the whole of creation. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

God of wisdom and Father of glory, you made your Son universal ruler and head of the church. Send us out to proclaim his name. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord.