

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A, 3 May 2026.**

### **PRESIDER**

Dear friends, Jesus' heartfelt desire is to lead us to the Father. Let us pray for everyone to accompany us on our journey to our heavenly home.

### **READER**

We pray for Pope Leo, guardian of the Gospel, that he continue to testify before the powers of the world to the primacy of peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all the baptised, that they be living stones founded on Christ, built into a church that is a lighthouse for the world. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the human family, that a new solidarity shared by all will emerge from the conflicts and divisions that are tearing the world apart. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for reporters and journalists, that today's World Press Freedom Day will strengthen their resolve to communicate the truth, even in the face of threats and danger. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all organisations with children, young people or vulnerable adults in their care, that they will faithfully fulfil their duty of keeping them safe from harm. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be made welcome in the Father's house and see God face to face. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

### **PRESIDER**

Holy God and Father of Jesus, you gave us your Son to lead us to you. Keep us true to his name. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord.