

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11/12 April

PRESIDER

Dear sisters and brothers the first Christian community in Jerusalem were united in heart and soul as the apostles testified to the resurrection of Jesus. We pray that we may live in the same spirit.

READER

We pray for the people of God. May church communities everywhere be true to the teaching of the apostles, the fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Pope Leo as he journeys to four nations in West Africa. May his visit affirm the rich diversity of the church there along with its overarching unity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray that our parish reflect the life of the first Christians of Jerusalem, being united in heart and soul, share generously with those in need, and give witness to the resurrection of Jesus. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for weapons of war to fall silent and greetings of peace to resound across the face of the earth. May pitiless cruelty be swept away by a tide of compassion. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who doubt or struggle with faith, that God's love and presence may become known to them and bring light to their life's journey. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for residents in aged care facilities. May they be respected, well-nourished, comforted and cared for as their human dignity demands. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently especially, Michael Higgins, Pauline Murphy and Cubby Kelaart, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they attain the heavenly glory for which they longed. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

Father, with St Thomas we acclaim Jesus as our Lord and God, giving thanks for every blessing given to us through him, who lives and reigns forever.