

Third Sunday of Easter Year A, 19 April 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear friends, as he did for the two disciples on their way to Emmaus, Jesus reveals himself to us in the word of God and the breaking of bread. Let us now hasten to pray for the world.

READER

We pray for church leaders. Like Peter on Pentecost Day, may they testify to the good news with the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for high-ranking advisers close to world leaders. May they speak truth to power and use their influence to promote peace. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family. May this week's International Mother Earth Day (22 April) summon everyone to work for the health and safety of the planet. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australia in this time of global upheaval. May Anzac Day call the nation together in the service of peace, unity and justice for all. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for one another. May each of us constantly plant seeds of hope and nurture them with patience. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently especially Anna Pizzol, those who lost their lives in war, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they be bathed for ever in the glory of the Lamb. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

Giver of life, Lord God, you raised your Son out of death and redeemed us with his blood. Send us forth as messengers of mercy. We ask this through Christ our risen Lord.