

PRIEST: Through the death and Resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,
God our Father has shown his immense love for us,
and so with confidence we turn to the Lord in prayer:

READER: **For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and our Bishop, Declan Lang,
that they may continue to proclaim the merciful love of God.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For peace in our world, that all will turn
from hatred to love and from violence to reconciliation.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who will be initiated into the Church this Easter,
that the seeds of the gospel, buried deep within them,
may yield a rich harvest of prayer, faith and service.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For our parish community that, by keeping Lent well,
we will come to the celebration of Easter with hearts and minds renewed.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who have been bereaved, or are suffering the loss of
a loved one, that the Lord will heal their wounds,
and fill them with hope in the Resurrection.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are sick or housebound
that they may know the gentle touch of God's healing love.**
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Father of love,
you have planted in our hearts
the hope of eternal life.
Bring us and all our loved ones
to the joy of the Kingdom of heaven.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.