

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 are swift to condemn, that their hearts may be filled
with a spirit of understanding and compassion.**
(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 are sick or housebound and for all who have been bereaved,
that they may know the gentle touch of God's healing love
and be filled with hope in the Resurrection.**
(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.