PRIEST: Jesus said 'he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me and I live in him.' United with Christ
we make our prayers to God our Father in his name.

READER: **For the Church, that Leo, our Pope, will be blessed with the courage to lead the faithful with wisdom, integrity and compassion.**
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For world leaders and all whose decisions affect the lives of others, that wisdom will always be their guide and humility their compass.**
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For young people everywhere, that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct them in all the decisions they make.**
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For all who gather with us around the table of the Lord today, that their faith may be strong and their trust complete.**
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER: **For all who are sick, especially those enslaved by alcohol or drugs, that the Spirit of God will restore them and bring them peace.**
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

READER**:** **For all who have died, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory.**
(*pause)*
Lord in your mercy…

PRIEST: Merciful Father,
your love for us surpasses all our hopes and desires;
forgive our failings, keep us in your peace
and lead us in the way of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.