

Prayers of the People - Easter - 4 C

Gathered before the throne of the Lamb, let us give God the glory and pray for the needs of all God's flock. saying: Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may hear the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd and allow our lives to be shaped and guided by Jesus. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For this parish family, that by our witness we may lead others to follow the Good Shepherd to green pastures and still waters. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the gift of peace, that God will grant a change of heart to all who strive to achieve their ends through violence and help them to recognize the dignity of every human being. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who have shepherded us, especially parents, spouses, teachers, clergy and mentors, that God will continue to work through them and lead us to wholeness. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all mothers and those who have been like a mother to us, that God will bless and strengthen them and inspire us to greater love by their example. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who walk through the dark valleys of life, remembering especially that they may find places of and healing and refreshment. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

For those who have died, remembering especially..... that they may rejoice forever around the throne of the Lamb. ***Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***Alleluia! To you, O Lord, we give praise and glory.***

Celebrant: Blessed are you, O God, the fountain of joy and peace. Hear our prayers and grant that we may never become separated from Christ our Good Shepherd who guides us to spring of life-giving water. Glory to the Holy & Undivided Trinity, now and always and unto the ages of ages. AMEN.