



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land our parish encompasses, the Awabakal and Darkinjung People. who, long before us lived, loved, educated and raised their children on this Country. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and we recognise the young people who are our future. We acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in our communities. We respect their deep physical and spiritual connections to Country through their stories, traditions and living cultures.

#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025**

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2pm Wednesdays)

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE BULLETIN**

If you would like the parish to pray for a family member who is sick, recently deceased or you would like remembered please email the parish office or complete a prayer card for each person and place in the mail box near the parish office door.

#### **UPCOMING WORSHIP TIMES :**

Saturday	17th May 5pm
	Mass—Morisset
Sunday	18th May 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	20th May 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset
Saturday	24th May 5pm
	Mass—Cooranbong
Sunday	25th May 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset
Tuesday	27th May 9.30am
	Mass—Morisset

Dear Parish Family,

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love!*

This hymn is an oldie but a “goodie” most of us would remember! When I worked in hospital chaplaincy, I was always amazed at the number of people each year who requested as adults to be baptised as Catholics or to be received into the Church. There were seven in my first year and then a number each subsequent year. Not all were going to meet their maker soon. I asked them what drew you to this journey in your faith? To which many answered - it was being surrounded by people of faith, the caring, the kindness and most of all the love was what they experienced. These were parents watching a child being nursed into care; a partner held as they were dying or in their own illness, they saw something special that they wanted to be part of.

Love is what distinguishes the Christian from other faith traditions. The Jewish faith is often perceived as holding obedience to the Law or the ten commandments and upholding culture and practice. Islam is about complete submission to the will of God with a strong emphasis on peace and living as a way of life as per the teachings of the Quran. In the Gospel, Jesus calls the “new” commandment to love after washing the feet of his disciples. Not hands but feet - an intimate part of our body; they're ticklish; they show our wear and tear; and toes/feet come in all shapes and sizes. So does love, it comes in all shapes and sizes and asks a lot of us. Sometimes it's hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder Jesus called it new. It calls for something completely different .... but they'll know we are Christians by our love.... a world full of love is John's vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

A few people have asked me what do I think of the new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Well, the Holy Spirit has discerned through the Cardinals that we need someone who is missionary and a diplomat. The Church's call to mission is greater now than ever to take up the call to be the good news to all whom we encounter. We are also living in a troubled world that continues to search for peace, as a diplomat, the Holy Father as the Pontifex or bridge builder will be there seeking peace between nations.

As for the choice of name, Pope Leo XIII, who lived at the turn of the twentieth century was revolutionary around social justice and the workforce which led to reforms within the Church that has guided us since. The Pope said he chose the name because the world needs to face a new revolution, artificial intelligence (AI). He would be pleased with a show I watched this week on AI. The question was asked: “if someone was born today what religion would be best to choose?” The answer came out:

Christianity because it has a God who is loving and forgiving and encourages the caring of each other. Maybe AI is not that bad after all.

*Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Talking about the Holy Spirit guiding the Church....in just a few weeks' time we will be celebrating Pentecost – the day when we celebrate the many gifts that are given to each and every one of us, to enrich the Church. On that Sunday, we will have a Gifting Sunday where we will be asking for volunteers to help and support the various ministries within our parishes. Have you ever thought about being a reader at Mass, or assisting with Children's Liturgies, or maybe assisting in helping with the reading programs at one of our schools...there are many more ministries that we need help with....

Have a great week everyone.....

Fr Darryl Mackie

Parish Priest

### **During COVID some of our practices had to change and one such are the collections.**

At the recent Parish Finance Committee, we discussed the return of the collections at our Masses.

As of next weekend 24/25, May we will reintroduce the first collection at the offertory time and the second collection once everyone has received Holy Communion.

#### **Do you know where these collections go?**

**The first collection** goes towards supporting the clergy to pay their stipend and living expenses? Any surplus currently goes to the Diocese to support those parishes unable to financially support a priest.

**The second collection** goes towards supporting the running of the parish which includes our secretary, electricity, insurance, maintenance and the running of the priest's cars, phones etc.

We are hoping to faze out the envelope system in the coming months due to the high costs of having the envelopes printed these days. If you would like to regularly have deductions from your bank account for either of these collections, please contact Rosanna in the office.

Our parish and our clergy have always relied on your support – with many thanks for your generosity!

Fr Darryl PP

### **Coffee and Chat Sunday**

After Mass this Sunday- a 'cuppa, chat and biscuits' will be held in the Callinan Centre – All welcome

### **Confirmation**

Bishop Michael Kennedy, will confer the sacrament of confirmation to our candidates on Friday evening 25th July 2025

### **Baptism Preparation**

Baptism is a happy event and a time to ponder God's loving gifts in our lives. For those seeking baptism for their children our baptism preparation programs will usually run in the evenings on the second Tuesday of the Month starting at 7pm, bookings are essential. Our next Program will be held on Tuesday 10th June 2025.

If you are seeking baptism for your child or children in our parish please register to attend one of our baptism preparation programs at: <https://forms.office.com/r/HRzVSryKVh> or Email: [morparish@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:morparish@mn.catholic.org.au) or call 02 4973 6859.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION.**

Caritas Australia would like to thank you for supporting the Project Compassion 2025 appeal.

### **Tribunal of the Catholic Church**

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Maitland-Newcastle Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Maitland-Newcastle Office of the Tribunal on 4979 1370 or email [tribunal@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **Cooranbong Cemetery**

As you are aware, with the construction of the Cooranbong Sports Complex, its common boundary with the Cooranbong Catholic Cemetery, has complicated the ability of the parish to comply with regulations to operate a cemetery, legislated by Cemetery and Crematoria NSW.

Negotiations with Lake Mac Council to resolve the problem commenced many months ago, and as yet a resolution has not been forthcoming. Negotiations with the help of the Diocesan Legal Team are continuing.

### **Thankyou**

Thank you to the parishioners who have helped the Parish Secretary Rosanna, with filing and archiving.

### **Vinnies Winter Appeal**

The Morisset Vinnies Conference will be holding their annual winter appeal at the Masses on the June 21& 22 weekend.

### **Easy Access Ramp.**

Parishioners with mobility issues, are encouraged to use the 'easy access' ramp when entering or leaving the Morisset Church.

### **With A Light Heart**

A man is stopped by the police for speeding. The police officer says to the driver, "Do you know that you were speeding, sir?" "No officer, I didn't know I was speeding."

His wife who is in the front seat then says, "Come on, Henry, you knew you were speeding, I've been telling you to slow down for the past ten minutes."

The man shoots a dark look at his wife, then the policeman says, "Do you realise that your license has also expired?"

I had no idea," said the driver looking shocked.

His wife says, "Oh please, Henry! I've been telling you to renew your license for two months."

The husband grinds his teeth but stays silent.

The policeman then adds, "And I noticed that your rear left light is out of action."

"Oh yes, I was on my way to get it fixed actually."

His wife pipes up, "Nonsense Henry, we were on our way home."

The husband, red-faced, turns to his wife. "Whose side are you on? For god's sake, button it up and don't say anything!"

The policeman walks to the woman's side of the car and asks her, "Does he always talk to you so rudely?"

"Oh no, officer, only when he's been drinking heavily."

### **Live Stream the Installation of Pope Leo XIV**

If you would like to watch the installation of Pope Leo XIV which will be held at 6pm local time 10am in Rome on Sunday 18th May 2025 please use this link: [Vatican Media Live - English](#)

## Celebrate National Volunteer Week

To Celebrate National Volunteer Week 2025 we are excited to invite all volunteers to our upcoming Volunteer Recognition Event in **Kotara**.

We would like to show our appreciation and say thank you to all our volunteers for their time, efforts and unwavering support to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland Newcastle

Join us on:

**Date:** [Wednesday 21st May 2025](#)

**Time:** 5.30pm – 8.00pm

**Location:** Event Cinemas Westfield Kotara, Park Ave, Kotara

**RSVP:** [By clicking here and completing your details](#) or

Email [volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au) for more information call 02 4931 1259.

Kind regards,

Joanne Salem.

## Young Adult Retreat 2025

Calling all young adults in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle to the Young Adults Retreat 2025! A dynamic annual event designed for young people by young people, join us for a weekend to meet young people from all around the diocese, and experience Catholic community, worship, inputs by expert speakers, the Sacraments, and an opportunity to encounter Christ's personal love!

WHO: 18-35; children of participants also welcome

WHEN: 27-29 June 2025; 6pm dinner on the 27th - 12:30pm on Sun 29 June

WHERE: Catalina Lakefront Retreat, Rathmines NSW

COST: \$170 per person, incl. of food & accommodation; options available. Sponsorship available for financial hardship

Register at [YAR25.eventbrite.com.au](https://YAR25.eventbrite.com.au) or the [Diocesan website's Events](#) page, or email: [mission@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:mission@mn.catholic.org.au) with any queries.

## Parish Assembly-(Save the Date)

A Parish Pastoral Assembly, to which all parishioners are invited, will be held after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 29th June. Sunday 8th June (Pentecost Sunday) was considered as a date for the Assembly, but because it is also a 'Long Weekend'-Kings Birthday, so the 29th of June was settled on. A Parish Pastoral Assembly is a body of faith-filled parishioners and the ordained, through which everyone works together as co-responsible partners in furthering the mission of Christ in our Parish. At the Assembly the status of the Parish will be presented, along with Financials.

Statutes for PPC, PFC and Team will also be introduced. From this Assembly, a Pastoral Plan will be developed. This Plan is a set of goals and objectives embraced through a process of shared decision-making, which will direct the parish in its activities and decisions for the next 12 months. Sr Loretta Baker RSJ, will facilitate the Assembly.

## Celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed May 23

*Mission & Evangelisation* invites you to this premium formation offering with Associate Professor Joel Hodge, National Head, School of Theology, Australian Catholic University. Choose from one of two sessions at 3:30pm or 6:00pm as he immerses us in the history and theology of the Nicene Creed. This 'deep-dive' into 'what we believe' is not to be missed as we celebrate its 1700 years. This free event, over 2hrs, face to face, will become part of an ongoing formation series hosted at St John the Baptist Shrine, Maitland in 2025. Register now via the Diocesan events page - [Events - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

## 2025 ASPIRE- The Rise of Bozz

It is the future: after a long war, technology and emotions have been banned. Young people are sent to school to learn how to make a 'positive impact' in the new world. When mysterious artworks bearing the tag "Bozz" start appearing around the city, questioning the government's decisions, a small group of out-laws called 'The UnEducated' are inspired to challenge their leaders' decisions. This year's production features over 150 students from primary and secondary schools across the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle.

INVITATION RSVP: [anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au) by Monday 30 June 2025

When: Friday. 1 August ,7pm

Saturday, 2 August,7pm

## Called & Gifted Discernment Program Expressions of Interest are Open

Mission & Evangelisation is working with the Catherine of Siena Institute (USA) to offer this highly acclaimed online program beginning June 10. The process will strengthen your confidence in living and sharing your faith with others as you discern and discover your charisms and gifts for the flourishing of your faith community. If you're inspired by collaborative ministry – this is for you. For more information and to register visit - [Expressions of Interest for the Called & Gifted Program - Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle](#)

## A Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

### AND HIS INSTALLATION AS BISHOP OF ROME

Gracious and loving God,

we thank you for the blessing of Pope Leo XIV,  
chosen to shepherd your Church in these times.

Guide him as he walks in the footsteps of St. Peter,  
that he may lead with humility, wisdom, and strength.

You have called him to a sacred task—

To shepherd your people ,  
to serve with tenderness and compassion,  
and to proclaim the Gospel boldly and with joy.

Guide him as he builds your Church  
into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world,  
by governing with fidelity,  
those entrusted to his care.

Strengthen him with grace and courage,  
right judgement, knowledge, and truth,  
inspired by your Holy Spirit,

and by the maternal care of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
and the prayers of all the saints.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The banner features a background of colorful, flowing lines in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. On the right side, there is a circular logo with a cross and the text 'JUBILEE 2025' and 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'. Below this, another circular logo says 'TURN DEBT INTO Hope'. The main text in the center reads 'Laudato Si' Week 17-24 May 2025'. At the bottom left, there is a small logo with a dove and the text 'JUSTICE, ECOLOGY AND PEACE'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'Caritas AUSTRALIA' with the text 'The Catholic agency for international aid and development'.



### SUPPORTING THE CLERGY / 1st Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support the Clergy / 1st Collection please do so at Mass in the BLUE bucket or electronically using the Online Payments button on the Parish Website Home page, Electronic Funds Transfer Only Bank Account Name: Morisset Parish Presbytery BSB: 066739 No: 100004062 Ref: 1st Collection & SURNAME or contact the parish office to set up a direct debit.

### SUPPORTING OUR PARISH / 2nd Collection

If you would like to make contributions to support our Parish please do so at Mass via the RED bucket or our Parish Electronic Funds Transfer Only Account the details are: Account Name: Morisset Parish Church BSB:066739 Account Number: 100004064 please use one of the following Payment References PG + your giver number or PG + SURNAME or SURNAME you can also use the Online Payments or Planned Giving button on the Parish Website Home page. If you are considering taking up **planned giving** you may like to know that **a percentage of the contributions are tax deductible**. If you would like to know more or set up planned giving please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND ROSTERS			
		<u>THIS WEEK</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>
<u>PRESIDERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	Mass Mass	Mass Mass
<u>PROCLAIMERS:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	K Lendon M Shamley	P Robertson J Vipan
<u>PSALMIST:</u>	5PM 9.30AM	R Hay S Mathew	J Parkins K Lendon
<u>GIFTS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J & F Lawandos L Hutchinson	H White M Melvey
<u>SERVERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	M Melvey V Paulo	L Hutchinson J Lawandos
<u>AV</u>	5PM 9.30AM	E Lawandos M Foo	J France T Alexander
<u>WELCOMERS</u>	5PM 9.30AM	J France A Dussin	K Cameron K Amon
<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u>	COOR MOR	XXXX D Whitten B Hutcheson	C Vagsnes R & C Hay



### UPCOMING FEAST DAYS MEMORIALS AND SOLEMNITIES

SAINT BERNADINE OF SIENA (OM) - 20TH MAY  
SAINTS CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES AND COMPANIONS (OM) - 21ST MAY  
SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (OM) - 22ND MAY  
OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS (S) - 24TH MAY  
SAINT PHILIP NERI (M) - 26TH MAY  
SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY (OM) 27TH MAY  
SAINT PAUL VI (OM) - 29TH MAY  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—1ST JUNE

**Please pray for all those who are sick: in hospital or at home, especially those living with a life threatening disease:**

Marjorie Black, Mary Maloney, Maureen Luxford, Steve McKay, Terry Gillett, Jackie Purnell, Nancy Overton, Ross Dickson, Betty Smith, Anna Dussin, Mary Monaghan, Clare Wallington, Donna Hazzard, Pam Mullaly, Tintumol Thomas, Peter Martyn, Bruce Gillett.

**Please pray for those who have been called to eternal life may they always be in our prayers.**



*The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults.*

*Our Parish supports The Diocese in its zero-tolerance approach to abuse. Every one of us must each day commit ourselves individually and collectively to safeguard each child and every vulnerable person to whom we interact with.*

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

*If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable person please contact the Office of Safeguarding Phone: 02 4979 1390 Email: [childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au), or visit their website for further information: [www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au](http://www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au)*

*Live stream Mass every Sunday at 9.30am at [www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream)*

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## SUNDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C Sunday 18 May 2025

### The Introductory Rites

#### Gathering

The Lectionary/Roman Missal or a Bible may be placed on a table together with a candle and a cross.

A short hymn might be sung.

#### Sign of the Cross

Leader:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All:

Amen.

#### Greeting

Leader:

Blessed be Jesus Christ who has redeemed us and raised us to new life.

All:

Blessed be God forever.

#### Introductory Remarks

Leader (in these or similar words):

Friends in Christ,  
although we cannot celebrate the Eucharist this day,  
we gather in God's name  
for when two or more come together  
God is always with us.  
United with the whole Church,  
we celebrate the joy of Easter  
and keep this day of the Lord holy.

#### Opening Rite

##### LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader:

Before listening to the Word of God  
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ  
who has raised us to new life.

A brief period of silence follows.

Leader:

Lord Jesus, you are the splendour of the Father: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give us new life: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have shown us how to love: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader:

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

All:

Amen.

#### Opening Prayer

Leader:

Let us pray.

All pause for silent prayer.

God our Father  
there are many rooms in your house  
for those who believe in you.  
Help us to trust in your promises  
and to follow Jesus with joy  
for he is the way, the truth and the life.  
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
for ever and ever.

All:

Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

To indicate the end of the reading, the reader acclaims:

The word of the Lord.

All reply:

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel

Reader:

From the holy Gospel according to John.

All:

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13:31-35

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him,

God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.  
My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;  
just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**Reader:**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All are seated.**

### Reflection on the Word

**A short period of reflection may be observed.**

### Profession of Faith

**Leader:**

In union with the whole Church  
let us profess our faith.

**All:**

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin  
Mary, all bow.*

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Faithful

**Leader:** Brothers and sisters, with Christ our glorified  
Saviour, let us turn to God with our prayers.

**Reader:** That through God's commandments, the Holy  
Church will lead all humanity to the love of Christ  
Jesus. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who feel unloved, rejected or forsaken  
will be touched by Christ's abounding kindness. In  
your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That our newly-elected Pope, Leo XIV, will have the  
support of wise and trusted people as he takes on  
his new, universal responsibilities.

In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we will be attentive to the global cry of the  
poor, particularly those who are increasingly being  
impacted by climate change. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That all the sick will be comforted through God's  
compassion and blessing, especially our loved ones  
and members of our community. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That all who have died will be raised to new life with  
Christ, especially our loved ones and members of  
our community. In your glory:

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** God our Father, you give us one true commandment  
of love. Hear our prayers and, through the hope of  
the Resurrection, help us to love one another as  
Christ has loved us. We ask this through Christ our  
Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

**Leader:**

At the Saviour's command  
and formed by divine teaching,  
we dare to say:

**All:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

### The Concluding Rite Blessing

**Leader:**

Through the resurrection of his Son  
God has redeemed us and made us his children.  
May the Lord bless us with joy  
and fill us with fruits of the Spirit.

**All make the sign of the cross during the blessing.**

**All:**

**Amen.**

### Dismissal

**Leader:**

Let us go in peace. Alleluia.

**All:**

**Thanks be to God.**

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