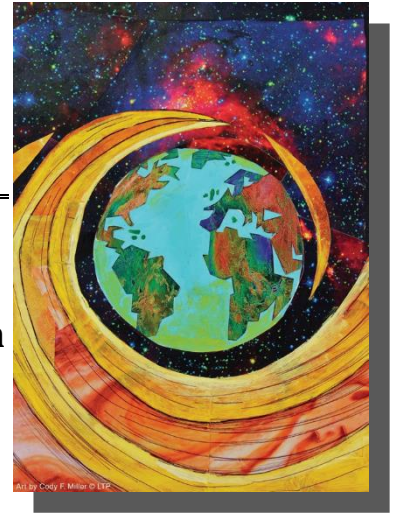


# THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2018



Presider: *In peace, let us pray...*

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**Reader:** For the Church here and in every place,  
as we journey through the centuries:  
May we look for the Lord in the stories of faith  
and in the faithful service of so many;  
Let us recognize him  
in the breaking of the bread  
and in the sharing of the cup.

**Cantor:** We pray to the Lord:  
**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Reader:** For countries and communities blessed with  
an abundance of resources:  
May we welcome refugees, immigrants and exiles  
to stay with us and share the table of our hospitality.

**Cantor:** We pray to the Lord:  
**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Reader:** For this community of faith  
named Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ:  
May we welcome others to “come and stay with us”  
as we seek to share the ministry and service of Christ;  
making ready until he comes again.

**Cantor:** We pray to the Lord:  
**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Reader:** For all who seek shelter, the warmth and security of a home  
and a place to “break the bread” of hope and nourishment.  
Let all who serve them in every “trouble” keep God’s word  
to them and fulfill the “family promise” of love.

**Cantor:** We pray to the Lord:  
**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Reader:** For peace, for peace. Again and again we still pray for peace:  
especially in Syria and every place of war and terror.  
Let us remember that *“there is no peace without justice and no  
justice without forgiveness.”*  
May all, in every place, who are in harm’s way be kept safe.

**Cantor:** We pray to the Lord:  
**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

**Reader:** For our brothers and sisters in faith  
who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again,  
especially John and Dorothy Miner,  
Jeff Knag and Dan Conway and all who have died in Syria.

**Cantor:** We pray to the Lord:

**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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### Concluding Prayer

**Presider:** GOD OF ALL THE PROPHETS,  
you fulfilled your promise of old  
that your Christ would suffer and so rise to glory.

Open our minds to understand the Scriptures  
and fill us with joyful wonder  
in the presence of the risen Christ,  
that we may be his witnesses  
to the farthest reaches of the earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the first-born from the dead,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.

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