Blessed Trinity Catholic Community + Spirit of Christ Mission

## **THE GENERAL INTERCESSIONS** THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER April 14, 2024

Presider:	In peace, let us pray
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 loving 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 refugees, immigrants and exiles be offered the table of hospitality and hope where food and drink are given and shared.
<b>Cantor:</b>	We pray to the Lord:
ALL:	LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.
Reader:	For this community of faith named Blessed Trinity and Spirit of Christ: May the Easter feast open our minds, change our hearts, renew our faith and instill in us the vision of the Gospel, as we seek to share the ministry and service of Christ.
<b>Cantor:</b>	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.
<b>Cantor:</b>	We pray to the Lord:
ALL:	LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Reader: For all who suffer in too many places from unrelenting violence. For the too many "put to death" these past weeks, especially the people of Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine. May our "troubled hearts" reveal the ways of Christ; and free the many to "repent and be converted, that sins may be wiped away." We pray to the Lord: **Cantor:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER. ALL: Reader: For our brothers and sisters in faith who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again, especially Dell Kaiser, and all who have died from the violence of war and hatred. We pray to the Lord: **Cantor:** ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER.

## **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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