



ONE MISSION, TWO PARISHES

Divine Mercy Sunday – Year B Sunday 7 April 2024



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Wednesdays,

Thursdays & Fridays

10am – 2pm

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil

ST: & SL: 6pm

Sunday

St Luke's 8:30am

St Timothy's 10:30am

St Timothy's 5pm (Vietnamese)

WEEKDAY MASSES

St Timothy's:

Wed & Thurs - 9:15am

Fri - 10am

1st Wed of the month

@ 10.00am Mass of Anointing

St Luke's:

Tues - 5pm

Wed, Thurs, Fri - 9:30am

Sat - 9am

Rosary after each morning Mass

RECONCILIATION

SL: Sat 9.30am-10am

5.30pm – 5.50pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SL: Wed 7pm-8pm

Divine Mercy Sunday

Fear is a powerful human emotion that shapes our actions and words.

A young man named Karol Wojtyla personally experienced the gripping fear that his country of Poland endured during the Nazi terrors of World War II. Karol belonged to a small theatre group who was forced to go underground as the Nazis occupied their city.

He recounted one clandestine theatre performance as the young actors gathered, in secret, in a dark room lit only by a single candle, with no stage props and curtains drawn tight to muffle the sound of their voices. In the street below, Nazi soldier patrols blasted propaganda over crackling loudspeakers to instill fear in the hearts and minds of the people.

The young actors continued reciting Polish poetry in the conviction that their secret performance was a form of cultural resistance that kept alive the religious and cultural history of Poland. The young man, Karol, went on to respond to the Lord's call to the priesthood and would, in time, be called to serve as bishop of Krakow, Poland. Decades later, Karol was elected to the papacy, taking the name John Paul II. His first words in his inaugural homily as pope, spoken on a world stage, were, "Be not afraid! Open wide the doors for Christ."

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, the Gospel recounts that the disciples remained in deep fear after Jesus's death on the cross. They stayed behind locked doors for fear of religious authorities, expecting the same fate as their master. It was at this moment of utter fear and isolation that Jesus appears to the disciples, saying to them, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus shows them his hands and his side, the unmistakable signs of his self-giving love in his death on the cross.

The disciples' fear turns to hope-filled rejoicing in the presence of the Lord. And when Jesus breathes on them, bestowing on them the gift of the Holy Spirit, they leave behind the chains of fear. The same fearful disciples become bold missionary witnesses to faith. They encountered divine mercy in the person of Jesus and became instruments of divine mercy to the world.

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Blessed Trinity, the love of the Father and the Son whose presence sanctifies and vivifies the Church in every age. At Pentecost the entire Church receives the Holy Spirit that Jesus first promised to his disciples. Today, that same Holy Spirit is offered as gift to every disciple of Jesus so we might face and overcome the fears, anxieties and worries of life. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we are strengthened to replace fear with faith and exchange the anxieties and worries of daily life with confident trust in God.

The Holy Spirit invites us today and every day to leave behind our fears and live in the freedom of friendship with Jesus, as we pray in faith, "Speak to me, Lord."

Jem Sullivan

Prayer to Saint Timothy

O God, who adorned Saint Timothy with apostolic virtues, grant, through his intercession that, living justly and devoutly in this present age, we may merit to reach our heavenly homeland. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Patron Saint of stomach and intestinal disorders.

Prayer to Saint Luke the Evangelist

O St. Luke, you were chosen to reveal in preaching and writing God's love for the poor. Moved by the heavenly Spirit of Love, you detailed the life of Jesus, showing His divinity and His genuine compassion for all human beings. Help those who already glory in God's name to persevere in one heart and one mind and inspire all people that they may hear the Good News of Salvation. Amen

Patron Saint of artists, physicians, surgeons, students and butchers.

HOLY HOUR & Confession

St Luke's Wednesdays, 7pm-8pm

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday 6pm SL
6pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

6 and 7 April
Godfrey Thong
Hubert Lobo
Kana Chelliah
Alfred Lee & Trevis Yee
Hoa Doan & Nhat Nguyen

13 and 14 April
Shirley Prabha
Rachel Grealy
Beryl Chelliah
Genevieve Hemsley & Stefanie Chin
Dung Luong & Thuan Tran

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Saturday 6pm SL
6pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

Melina Barcellona
Susan Chen
Beryl Chelliah
Chin L Tay
Hung Dinh

Ian Holmes
Owen Grealy
Kana Chelliah
Pat Kawalevski
Hoang Nguyen

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Saturday 6pm SL
6pm ST
Sunday 8:30am SL
10:30am ST
5pm ST

Choir
Michelle Chen
Rosemary Donaldson
Lee Min Yee
Toan Tran

David Prabha
Michelle Chen
Anthony Fernandez
Manny Gonzalez
Toan Tran

SL WELCOMERS 6/7 APR

6:00pm Tony Fernandez
8:30am Marie Pekish
ST 10.30am Volunteer

SL CHURCH CLEANING
13th April – Kellie's Team
Kellie McCarthy, Emma Brodawka,
Toni Wynne & Daniella Manolopoulos

SL CHURCH FLOWERS

6th April - Kate Skowronska
13th April - Ellen Donoghue
ST CHURCH FLOWERS

SL WELCOMERS 13/14 APR

6:00pm John Ryan
8:30am Margaret Gearon
ST 10.30am Volunteer

ST CHURCH CLEANING

13th April @ 8am
Toan Tran, Dao Dinh,
Hieu Nguyen & Dieu Nguyen.

ST COUNTERS

This week Team 1:
Owen Grealy & Anthony Yeo
Next week Team 2:
Raj & Violet Fonn

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick, especially Bernadine O'Meara, Maura, Kit Bing Fan, Tony Keaney, Kathryn Holmes, Therese O'Donoghue, Stewart Davis, Mark, Jerry Donoghue, Margaret Hayes, Kevin Bolton, the Italiano family and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For all who have died, for the casualties of war in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Ian Manly, Sheila Ryan, Salvatore Di Campli San Vito & Albert Cleary. May they rest in peace.

Equipped for Mission: Answering the call to 'Go Make Disciples'

Tailored for parish leaders and priests, this event features a keynote by Dan O'Rourke, President of Divine Renovation. Engage in mission-focused workshops, gaining practical skills, equip yourself with valuable resources to bring positive change to your parish.

Saturday 13 April, 9:15am - 4:30pm (lunch, morning and afternoon tea incl.)

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 496 Princes Highway, Narre Warren

For tickets: brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-au/EquippingForMission/572688/tickets

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PALMS AUSTRALIA: Would you like to volunteer overseas? An In-Person Information session is happening on April 22nd at Sacred Heart Primary School, Oakleigh. More information: www.palms.org.au/current-opportunities

Resources

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: [Walking the way of the cross this Holy Week](#)

MAJELLAN FAMILY MEDIA: [Jesus is risen! Now what?](#)

THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On The Journey This Week: Bishop Brian Mascord's Easter message; let us hesitate no longer. Mother Hilda says the good news is that there's a God who wants only your happiness and your peace. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron and Francine Pirola, and Fr Joshua Whitehead. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au.

A.C.U. ONLINE TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

Enrolment is now open for this program which runs weekly from April 9th to 14th May. Further details can be found at www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training

STEWARDSHIP CORNER:

The First collection is for the priest and retired priests

The Second collection is for parish expenses

ST: Weekly First Collection Presbytery Envelopes: \$139

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Vietnamese Donation: \$250.95

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Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$430

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Steve Kilroe-Smith

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Eucharistic Acclamation: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Over the next weeks we'll look at reflections explaining the different parts of the Mass.

The Holy Mass

The Mass is the most beautiful act of worship of Almighty God and a precious treasure of our Catholic Church. To fully appreciate the Mass, one has to understand its historical development. Granted, the root of the Mass is the Last Supper, a Passover meal. Here our Lord and the apostles read the Sacred Scriptures, and then for the first time He took bread and wine, pronounced the words of consecration, and gave His Body and Blood to them. The action of this first Mass must be understood in the whole context of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Since that time, the Church has offered the Mass, which participates in the ever-present, everlasting reality of the Last Supper and the passion, death and resurrection.

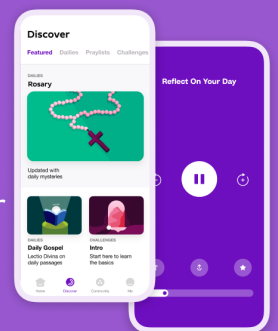
Granted, the Mass has evolved over time, but the essential elements and structure have not. Three of the best references describing the Mass of the early Church are the Didache (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) (c. 80), St. Justin the Martyr's First Apology (c. 155), and St. Hippolytus' Apostolic Tradition (c. 215). These references attest to the living tradition of the Mass. The form of the Mass we have today was promulgated by Pope Paul VI in 1969.

The Order of the Mass comprises four major parts: The Introductory Rites, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rite. The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist "are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship" ("Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy," No. 56). Moreover, "the church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord, in so far as she never ceases, particularly in the Sacred Liturgy, to partake of the Bread of Life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ" ("Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation," No. 21). In all, the Mass flows as one action.

Fr William Saunders

Hallow App

Hallow is a Christian prayer app that offers audio-guided meditation sessions to help us grow in our faith & spiritual lives and find peace in God.



“Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God”

1 John 5:5

Have faith and you will be blessed

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year B

A week after Jesus died he appeared to his disciples . They were very happy to see him. Draw the risen Jesus.



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life. Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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What are some things in today's world that show us that Jesus' spirit is with us? Circle the correct answers and add some of your own.



poverty

war

people sharing

people who love us

the Church

selfishness

SUNDAY READINGS

READ AT HOME

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year B

7 April 2024



Collect

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Readings and Commentaries

As we have it, the fourth gospel has two conclusions, the one we hear today (20:30-31) and the other that rounds out the appendix (21:25). Neither serves as the last word. And that's exactly what the author intended. He records Thomas' climactic confession of faith (preceded by Martha's in 11:21), not to bring the drama of Jesus to a neat resolution, but to engage every new generation of potential believers. Time and again in the course of his gospel, and still for us, John poses the question of Jesus' identity. Who is he? Where did he come from? What authority does he have? What difference does he make? John wants us to wrestle with these questions and be led to the fountain of eternal life.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32–35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

First Reading

Luke's second pen portrait of the first Christian community in Jerusalem is full of appeal. The disciples are united in every way – in their faith, their witness, their sharing of goods and their acceptance of apostolic authority. Luke's account is deceptively simple. With great skill he weaves together themes from the book of Deuteronomy, his own gospel and Greco-Roman culture.

The believers were “united, heart and soul,” echoing the call of the Shema (Dt 6:4-6) to love with all one's heart and soul and strength. They ensured that no-one “was ever in want,” like the ancient Israelites who were bade to have “no poor among you” (Dt 15:4). Of all the evangelists Luke is the one who stresses most the need to give one's possessions away (12:33; 18:22), and this is what those early Christians did. Motifs of mutual love, respect and care were common in Greco-Roman writings about social life and friendship; Luke presents the fledgling community as fulfilling these ideals.

This reading will surely be a pleasure for ministers of the word to proclaim. It's clearly expressed and full of attractive ideals. An affectionate and measured delivery will enable the assembly to savour its merits.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2–4, 15–18, 22–24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

or

R. Alleluia.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;

his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,

but not doomed to die. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected

has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;

we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

Responsorial Psalm

As we've already seen, Psalm 117/118 has a particular affinity with the mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. This is its third appearance in eight days, this time differentiated by the selection of verses, their structure and the response. The opening words of the psalm serve as the response. They establish an Easter spirit of praise and thanksgiving for the verses that follow.

Each of the three stanzas come from a different section of the original psalm. The first has a repeated phrase – “His love has no end” – that's like a chanted refrain. The second alludes to the psalmist's rescue from an unnamed peril, set in relief against a confession of faith and praise. The third contains what might have been a proverb – “The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone” – that Jesus incorporated into one of his parables (eg Mt 21:42). It was applied by early Christian preachers and writers (eg 1 Pt 2:7) to Jesus himself. This stanza has become emblematic of the paschal mystery and the Easter season.

Readers have a range of things to attend to in their praying of this psalm – the blend of the personal and the communal, the passing reference to personal crisis, and the overall tone of exuberance. There's also the two-part response and the rather unusual occurrence of all three stanzas being in six-line form. An upward inflexion at the end of each fourth line should alert the assembly that there's more to come. All in all, this is a psalm to proclaim in festive spirit.

A reading from the first letter of St John 5:1–6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded
us;
this is what loving God is -
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world -
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness -
since the Spirit is the truth.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

20:19–31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,
the doors were closed in the room where the disciples
were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed
them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with
joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was
not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,
'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the
holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my
finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my
hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the
disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with
them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood
among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke
to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands.
Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer
but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'
Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet
believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.
These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you
may have life through his name.

Second Reading

The first letter of John is the source for the second
reading for the Sundays of Easter in Year B. It's also
heard from on a few feast days, but on no Sunday in
Ordinary Time. It's interesting that John's second and
third letters are never heard on a Sunday or feast
day.

Like its counterparts in Years A and C (1 Peter and the
Apocalypse), 1 John suits the paschal season. Its core
themes are life, light, love, truth, and God's and our
mutual indwelling. Unlike Paul's letters, many of which
are prompted by problematic issues that lead to
theological exposition, 1 John is reflective,
unsystematic and repetitive. Where and when it was
written, for whom and by whom, remains unclear.

Unusually for a series of readings, we begin with a
passage from the last chapter of the letter,
presumably because of its parallels with key features
of the gospel story – the Spirit, faith, Jesus' divine-
human identity, and signs. The logic of the argument is
somewhat circular and the exact meaning of some
references (eg the water and blood) may not be
certain, but it's not the reader's task to offer
explanations or commentary. The reading proceeds
as a series of assertions, each one prompting another,
without them being fully developed or tightly linked.
For this reason, readers should proceed through the
proclamation step by step, allowing each statement to
be heard on its own merits.

Gospel

No two gospels recount Jesus' post-resurrection
appearances in the same way, but all four are agreed
on one thing. Women are the first witnesses and none
of them are believed. While this isn't made explicit in
John, it's implied in the fear that drove the disciples to
meet behind closed doors in spite of Mary
Magdalene's testimony (20:18).

Jesus proceeds to bless them with peace. In fact, in this
episode Jesus actualises the many gifts he had spoken
about with his disciples in the farewell discourse: the
Spirit (14:16-17), peace (14:27), friendship (15:14),
joy (16:24), faith (17:8) and mission (17:18). Just as
God breathed life into the first human being (Gen
2:7), so Jesus breathes new life into the disciples.

The story of Thomas' transformation from sceptic to
enthusiastic believer leads beautifully to the original
conclusion to the gospel. Thomas may have had the
benefit of seeing the fleshly wounds of Jesus, but John
declares that the signs Jesus gave in his earthly life are
mediated no less powerfully to succeeding generations
by word and sacrament.

We hear this reading every year on this Sunday. It
proceeds through four inter-connected acts. Act one is
Jesus' appearing and greetings of peace. Act two is
his commissioning of the disciples in the Spirit. Act
three is Thomas' conversion. Act four is the conclusion.
While they flow naturally from one to the other, each
act deserves its own time and space. There's plenty of
energy in the mix of action and dialogue. One
highlight is certainly Thomas' confession of faith,
another is the final declaration of the gospel's
purpose. Both should captivate the assembly.

An alternative translation of the scripture readings is given here from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). This may be particularly useful for those in parishes which use the NRSV Lectionary.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING (NRSV)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32–35

The whole group of those who believed
were of one heart and soul,
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions,
but everything they owned was held in common.
With great power the apostles gave their testimony
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great grace was upon them all.
There was not a needy person among them,
for as many as owned lands or houses
sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.
They laid it at the apostles' feet,
and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SECOND READING (NRSV)

A reading from the first letter of John 5:1–6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been born of God,
and everyone who loves the parent loves the child.
By this we know that we love the children of God,
when we love God and obey his commandments.
For the love of God is this,
that we obey his commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome,
for whatever is born of God conquers the world.
And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
Who is it that conquers the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not with the water only but with the water and the blood.
And the Spirit is the one that testifies,
for the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL (NRSV)

A reading from the holy gospel according to John 20:19–31

It was evening on the day Jesus rose from the dead,
the first day of the week,
and the doors of the house where the disciples had met
were locked for fear of the Jewish authorities.
Jesus came and stood among them and said,
“Peace be with you”.
After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.
Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
Jesus said to them again,
“Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you”.

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;
if you retain the sins of any, they are retained".
But Thomas, who was called the Twin, one of the twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came.
So the other disciples told him,
"We have seen the Lord".
But he said to them,
"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands,
and put my finger in the mark of the nails
and my hand in his side,
I will not believe".
A week later his disciples were again in the house,
and Thomas was with them.
Although the doors were shut,
Jesus came and stood among them and said,
"Peace be with you".
Then he said to Thomas,
"Put your finger here and see my hands.
Reach out your hand and put it in my side.
Do not doubt but believe".
Thomas answered him,
"My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him,
"Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe".
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples,
which are not written in this book.
But these are written so that you may come to believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Blessing for Easter

May almighty God bless us through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion,
defend us from every assault of sin.

Amen.

And may he, who restores us to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow us with the prize of immortality.

Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
may we who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on us and remain with us for ever.

Amen.

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Easter, Roman Missal p 422,
given as the optional formula of Solemn Blessing for the Second Sunday of Easter p 433.)

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God of all hope,
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.
We thank you for the love in our lives that is
a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent
and may we take courage to share it, especially with
those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:
'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,
move us to act in the company of your Spirit,
showing compassion and acting for justice
to renew the face of the Earth,
now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.