

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 April 2021

(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Priest: With Easter faith and hope, we place our needs before God of compassion and mercy.

1 We pray for all of God's people on this most holy day. May their lives be filled with hope and peace. May they be strengthened and renewed through the Easter celebration of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection.

Lord, hear us.

2 We pray in a spirit of solidarity with one another that, living in these dangerous times of the pandemic, we may be graced with the mercy, peace and protection of God who brings us to life with Christ.

Lord, hear us.

3 We pray for all who are in need through poverty and homelessness, for all who suffer through injustice and conflict. May the peace of the Risen Lord reign in our world, in our families and homes, and in our hearts.

Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all who are sick or distressed in any way, body, mind or spirit, and those who are affected by the coronavirus. May they experience his healing and know his care for all people.

Lord, hear us.

5 We place our own needs and intentions before the Lord. **PAUSE. We pray for God's blessing on all who have helped and guided us through these times, for all in our medical and front-line and community services.**

Lord, hear us.

6 We pray for the faithful departed. We remember all victims of the coronavirus; we pray that all who have died, through the mercy of God, may rest in peace. We pray for all who mourn our departed sisters and brothers.

Lord, hear us.

Priest: O God, rich in mercy, you so loved the world that you sent your only Son for our salvation. Raise us up with Christ and make us rich in his mercy, We make our prayer through him who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.