**3rd Sunday of Easter Year A**

Risen God, we bring to you our prayers, for your people, hear our prayers and answer us when we call upon you.

We bring to you our world, leaders of nations, your people in places of fear and confusion. As you came in peace to your frightened and bewildered disciples, make yourself known to us and all who feel afraid and uncertain in these days of coronavirus. Give us your peace that passes all understanding.

Risen Christ in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We bring to you your church Phillip our Archbishop, our Regional Bishops, Vicar Dianne and Greg our Curate and all who profess to proclaim your word. As you opened the Scriptures to the disciples on the Emmaus Road make yourself known to us as we ponder your word this week and pray.

Risen Christ in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We bring to you our community, for those with whom we gather in spirit and in truth in the silence of our homes. As you made yourself known by the breaking of the bread with your friends, make yourself known today in those with whom we share our lives and those who are totally alone. We bring to you all who search for you, as did the women who looked for you at the tomb and for all who look for meaning in the emptiness of life

Risen God in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We bring to you all who are in need, of your comfort, reassurance and hope especially those we have on our hearts in the silence now . . . . . . As you made yourself known to those behind locked doors of pain and grief, make yourself known today to those who are in sorrow or distress and those who are obedient in staying at home.

Risen God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We remember those who have died in your love, those who have gone before us and are dear to us . . . . . . . As you have made yourself known to your followers in every age, make yourself known to us today, that with Mary Magdalene and all your saints, we may recognize you in our midst and through eternity.

Risen God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith**

**We may by your grace receive,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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