

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Reader: Risen Saviour!
All: **Hear our prayer.**

After Jesus had returned to his Father in heaven,
the disciples waited in prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Let us keep vigil with them and pray:

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 That we may take to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus
and go into the world to proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For an end to the airstrikes, shooting, missile attacks and communal violence
engulfing the Holy Land. We pray too for those humanitarian organisations
working tirelessly to save lives and alleviate suffering.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the people of India, Brazil, and other countries
that have become overwhelmed by the pandemic.
We give thanks for those countries reaching out with help,
and pray that this support will reach those who are most in need.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith,
especially Michael Schofield, John McBride, Glenys Horne and John Keenan.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we are thinking about in this Mass, especially:
Vera Manfredi, Betty Roe and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 As Mary prayed with the disciples in the Upper Room in Jerusalem,
let us ask her to pray with us now, as we say: **"Hail Mary..."**

Presider: O God, giver of the Holy Spirit,
we await your promise to be clothed in power from on high,
so that we too may be your witnesses
and bring the Good News to everyone in our time.
Through Christ our Lord.