

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Bidding Prayers

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

Now let us pray to God who knows us and cares for us.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 For the children celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend.
May they feel welcome in this community,
and come to treasure their friendship with Jesus and his family, the Church.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Let us pray for those who are thinking about the priesthood,
the diaconate or joining the religious life.
May they have the encouragement and support they need
as they try to discern what God may be inviting them to do.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the children who will be taking their SATs this week
and the young people beginning their GCSE and 'A' Level exams.
May all their efforts be rewarded.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For those who have died,
especially Rita Ollier, Mary Massey and Ann Antrobus.
May the Good Shepherd lead them to his heavenly home
and comfort those who mourn.
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions
and for those we are remembering this weekend,
especially the people of Ukraine, Ethan Milan, Syd Bradshaw
and all the people of this parish of community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Risen Saviour! **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of the Good Shepherd, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: Father,
you love us so much
that you sent your Son to be our shepherd.
Listen to the prayers of your flock,
and grant them through Christ our Lord.