Season of Lent: Passion (Palm) Sunday B General Intercessions

Priest

United with Christ in the mystery of his passion and resurrection, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For all members of the Church: that we will walk with Christ the way of his cross, and show forth in our lives the power of his resurrection.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least **five** seconds. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

- 2. For Pope Francis, and all bishops, priests, deacons, and Religious: that they will be blessed with continuing strength, wisdom, and courage.
- 3. For the nations of the world: especially in the land where Jesus lived and died; that everyone may experience the reconciliation Christ has won.
- 4. For all who have been touched by the Covid pandemic: as we mark the first anniversary of lockdown, we remember those who have died, those who mourn them, those who nursed them with such care, and all who continue to suffer the after-effects of the disease.
- 5. For all who are anxious or afraid: that they will feel the comfort of God's presence.
- 6. For the faithful departed; those who have died recently, and all whose anniversary we keep: may the passion of our Saviour console all who mourn.

Priest

With arms outstretched over the congregation:

Merciful God, increase the faith of those who place their hope in you, and listen kindly to our prayers, that we who carry these palms today in honour of Christ, the triumphant King, may live in him to bear abundant fruit, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.