

**Priest**

Today, we celebrate Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. We remember that he gave us the whole of himself without holding back anything. We confidently approach the Father with our prayers, hopes and dreams, knowing that Jesus proved that God loves each of us more than we can possibly imagine.

**Reader**

We remember that Jesus took some bread, thanked God for it and broke it. We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist. We ask God to be with the Church and with Pope Francis that they will bring healing and hope to our beautiful but often broken world. **Pause:** Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We remember that Jesus told his disciples to feed the hungry crowd who had followed them. We pray that God will bless farmers, and everyone involved in food production and distribution. We also pray that we can always be ready to respond to people who are in need of our help. **Pause:** Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We remember that when Jesus fed five thousand people, his disciples filled twelve baskets with the leftover scraps. Let us pray that we will use our resources wisely and responsibly, caring for our world so that everyone will have the food, shelter, employment, freedom and education that they need in order to live life to the full. **Pause:** Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We remember that Jesus showed his disciples the importance of asking for help when, of themselves, they could not feed everyone who needed their support. Let us pray for all those in leadership that, recognising their own limitations, they will see the gifts and talents of others. **Pause:** Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We remember, in a special way, all those whose lives have been disrupted by this week's heavy rainfall. Whilst thanking God for the rain, let us also pray that those who have suffered the effects of too much rain will find the support that they need at this time. **Pause:** Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We remember that every time we share in the Eucharist, we are proclaiming Jesus' life death and resurrection. We pray for everyone, especially those in our Parish, who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time, that, from today onwards, they will always place the Eucharist at the centre of their lives. **Pause:** Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We bring our own petitions in the silence of our hearts.

## **PLEASE TAKE A LONG PAUSE**

Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer**

We ask for the prayers of Mary our Mother as we say: **Hail Mary, full of grace...**

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Loving God of all peoples, we believe, hope and trust in your limitless goodness. We offer you our prayers and our love through your Son Jesus and your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**