3rd Sunday Easter Year B **April 18th**

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou katoa – Good morning and welcome! Today is the third Sunday of Easter. Just as the disciples, for a time, wondered what it all meant, we also wonder at what happened and what it means for us today. The doubt of Thomas becomes for us, a moment of faith. In this Eucharist, as the disciples at Emmaus did, we meet Jesus in the breaking of bread. In this Eucharist, may our hearts burn within us. Welcome to (…parish name …). We will pause for a moment now, and prepare in silence for this liturgy. (20 seconds – stay at microphone). Welcome! Let’s sing together with joy.

**Prayer of the Faithful – People’s Response: Alleluia, Alleluia**

**For the Church** – that theologians and scholars and all who deepen faith and understanding through study, will enliven the Church by their teaching and wisdom.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For community and national leaders** – that that they will strive to eliminate the problems of overcrowding, homelessness, congestion and environmental deterioration, associated with modern towns and cities

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For people whose life journey is nearing its end** – that as they near the end of their life, they will find support in the companionship of friends and family, that they will be at peace, and find comfort in the presence of the risen Saviour.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For all who travel –** that through their journeys they will grow in wisdom, faith, understanding, compassion and kindness.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For people who do not have enough to eat** – that as Christian people we will work to change economic systems and structures that limit food being shared, so everyone will have enough.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Concluding Prayer:** We rejoice at the presence of the Lord among us. May our hearts be warm and our words kind, as we delight in the ever-lasting friendship of Jesus who is risen. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.