4th Sunday Easter Year B **April 25th Good Shepherd Sunday ANZAC Day**

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou katoa – Good morning and welcome! Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday, and ANZAC day. The Good Shepherd is one who guards and guides and lays down his life. Similarly, many ANZACs laid down their lives in the pursuit of peace. We remember them today. I extend a warm welcome to you this morning. Welcome to (…parish name …). Let us be still for a moment as we prepare for this liturgy, remembering that the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for us, calls us to gather as one people, one body, the body of Christ (20 seconds – stay at microphone). Welcome! Let us show our joy by singing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful – People’s Response: Alleluia, Alleluia** (Note to reader: Ensure the people know the response. You may need to read it out first. Alternatively, change the response to one they know.)

**For all who have positions of leadership or authority in the Church** – that they will be inspired by Jesus the Good Shepherd, committed to the care of those they serve.

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

**For community and national leaders** – that they foster communal values of tolerance and respect for people from diverse backgrounds, and encourage people to be attentive to the needs of others.

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

**For the newly baptized –** that they will be warmly welcomed in their Christian communities and have opportunities to continually grow in faith and understanding.

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

**For the military and returned service associations –** that the Lord’s compassion will be visible in them as they seek to bring about peace in the world.

**For all people who have lost the use of limbs** – that they will be loved by their families, welcomed and accepted in their communities, and have the healthcare services they need to live life to the full.

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

**For all responsible for the farming, care and stewardship of animals** – that there will be deep respect for the complexity and interconnectedness of all life and rich appreciation of God’s gift of life, in so many diverse forms.

**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:** God of lasting love, fulfil your plan of salvation to gather into one fold, the peoples of the whole world. Let everyone on earth recognise your Christ as the Good Shepherd, who freely lays down his life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.