5th Sunday Easter Year B **May 2nd**

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou katoa – Good morning and welcome! Today is the fifth Sunday of Easter. We are the branches. Christ is the one vine. We gather here once again, rejoicing that we have been made one with Christ, rejoicing that we are a people united, a people gathered together in Christ. I warmly welcome you here today. Welcome to (…parish name …). Let us be still for a moment as we prepare to celebrate this liturgy. (20 seconds – stay at microphone). Welcome! Let us sing together with joy.

**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 those who travel to foreign lands to preach the Gospel** – that they will be supported by faith communities at home and that through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they will share the Gospel in love and peace.

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

**For national and international leaders** – that the values of religious freedom and racial equality will be established among all people.

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

**For all Christians –** that they will grow deeper in love, richer in compassion, stronger in unity and build ever more vibrant faith communities.

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

**For the covid-19 pandemic –** that it will end and that the poorest and most vulnerable people and nations will have access to the vaccine.

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

**For all who bring forth food from the earth** – that they bring a consciousness of sustainability to their work, ensuring future generations will be blessed by the bounty of the earth.

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

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

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**Concluding Prayer:** O God, you graft us onto Christ, the true vine, and, with tireless care, nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence. Tend the vineyard of your Church, that in Christ each branch may bring forth to the glory of your name abundant fruits of faith and love. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.