Easter Sunday Year B **April 4th**

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Good Morning! Ata Marie! Alleluia! We gather, and we rejoice! We gather here this morning to hear and celebrate the story. Our story, the story of Jesus who suffered and who died, but is now risen. We rejoice because this life is shared with all of us – we have been raised with Christ. You are most welcome here this morning, whether visitors or locals, grandparents or grandchildren, single or in the midst of family – welcome. Let us sing together and let us celebrate this liturgy with joy.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that it may resound with a sense of joy on this Easter Day.

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

**For the leaders of nations** – that the fight against Covid and a desire for world peace will inspire world leaders with a new sense of cooperation and unity.

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

**For all people throughout the world** – thatthis Easter day would be a day of peace and hope, of reconciliation and working together, of unity and joy for the whole of humanity.

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

**For travellers** – that those who travel will do so with a sense of respect and appreciation for the people and places they visit, and that they will be open to the divine presence in all their encounters.

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

**For all who suffer violence, abuse or torture –** that their torment will be ended, and that healing from pain, suffering and violence, will become a reality in their lives.

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

**For all who grieve** – that their mourning will be turned to dancing as they hear, hold, and welcome the message of the resurrection in their hearts.

**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 Our Father, in your Son, Jesus, Risen from the dead, you have set the path of peace for all creation. Hear our prayer, and instil in our hearts the wonder of your salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ, first-born of the dead, who lives with you, now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen