6th Sunday of Easter | Year B | 5th May

**Welcome before Mass**:

Tēnā Koutou katoa – Good morning and welcome! Today is the sixth Sunday of Easter. Just as the early Christians gathered together after Jesus’ resurrection, we also gather with a sense of joy as we recall our Christian story and welcome the risen Christ among us. Let us be still for a moment as we prepare to celebrate this liturgy.

(10 seconds of silence)

Let us sing together!

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we will be people who show no partiality, but who honour the dignity of all, and treat all people with respect.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For leaders of nations** – that they will respect neighbouring countries, strive to live in peace, and have appropriate regard for the boundaries between one country and another.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For married couples** – that they will stand as equals in a mutual bond of love, and that through the years, their love will grow in strength and depth, touching many with the warmth of their care.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For people and communities whose lives and families are torn apart by war** – that peace be restored, and that families and communities once again enjoy fullness of life.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For health care workers** – that they find fulfilment in their work, are appreciated, and paid justly, and resolve disputes amicably.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For our Common Home** – that people respond positively to the call to reduce carbon emissions and become protectors of the environment.

(Silence) **Reader:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For our local community of … (What are the needs of your locality – housing, health, truancy, an accident… Please discern the needs of your locality and compose a petition.)**

**Concluding Prayer**

God of love, you have revealed your saving power to all nations by showing us your kindness and faithfulness in the risen Lord. Grant us what we need to know you and love you. Help us love one another as Christ loved us, so that keeping his commandments may be our joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.