Easter Sunday| Year B | 31st March

**Welcome before Mass**:

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.

(10 seconds of silence)

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:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For the leaders of nations** – that the call to end warfare and division will inspire world leaders with a new sense of cooperation and unity.

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

**For all people throughout the world** – that this 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:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**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:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**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:** E te Ariki **All:** whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**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:** 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 glory, wonderful are your works in your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you have made the cornerstone of our lives. Grant us what we need to live as the people who rejoice in him, this day, and every day, both now and for ever. **Amen**.