God has clothed all things with mercy and prepared the earth as for a wedding by taking on our flesh in Christ. Trusting in that mercy, let our prayers join the festival, saying: **Lord hear our prayer**.

For the churches, that this assembly and all assemblies may be cradles for the word of Christ, filled with harmony and witnessing with thanksgiving, O God, mighty God, merciful God, we pray to you: *Lord hear our prayer*.

For the bishops and all the leaders of the church, especially Todd our bishop, Robert our Rector, Tianna our Curate, Tom and Stephanie our deacons, that in word and deed they may show forth the love and pity with which you clothe creation and all its peoples, O God, mighty God, merciful God, we pray to you: *Lord hear our prayer*.

For refugees and for those who experience a pitiless world, that you may bring them to places of safety they may call home, O God, mighty God, merciful God, we pray to you: *Lord hear our prayer*.

For those who celebrate birthdays especially *Wade Phibbs, Gary Brodhagen, Roger Egli, Nanci Fair* and anniversaries *Rev, Alan & Renee Falconer, Anne Robinson & Robert Lott, Janet & Keith Hook* and for all families, that their common life may be marked by mutual honour, respect, and forgiveness, and that homes may become places of hospitality to the stranger, O God, mighty God, merciful God, we pray to you: *Lord hear our prayer*.

For the victims of family violence, that you quickly bring relief, justice, and healing, O God, mighty God, merciful God, we pray to you: *Lord hear our prayer*.

For the members of our parish family in need, remembering especially Nikki, Rob, Elaine, Richard, Ted, Olivia, Maggie, Pat, Susan, Taylor, Kim, Gwen, Gary, Louise, Alan, Jennifer, Anne, Virginia, Joan, Marian, Josh, Laurie, Jane, Michael, Kathie, John, Hadley, Doug, Nolan, Carolyn, Marg, Red, Christine, Beverly, Dennis, Peter, Beulah, Jim, Colleen and Family, Beverley, Barbara and Ebba that they may know your peace and courage, O God, mighty God, merciful God, we pray to you: Lord hear our prayer.

For the earth which you honoured in the incarnation of your Son, and for us creatures, that a spirit of joy in its goodness and care for its future may be poured out upon us all, O God, mighty God, merciful God, we pray to you: *Lord hear our prayer*.

Rejoicing with all the saints, with Mary and Joseph, with Simeon and Anna, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.