

Intercessions Easter 6 May 1

The continuing presence of God, as Holy Spirit, leads us, as Jesus promised, into a personally guided outreach to all nations.

Drawn by the Holy Spirit, we have arrived at this moment, when we can pray together for the Church and for the world.

Today's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin, is (pause) You are with us; **every step of the way..**

Lord God, as members of your Church in this generation, we ask your guidance and blessing for our deacon, Glenda, our priests Bev and Joe, and bishops Bob and Linda, and Gerard, in training for ordained ministry. As people of God, we ask for the gifts we need for the work you need us to do. (pause) You are with us; **every step of the way.**

Lord God, this fragile, vulnerable planet is so beautiful, and in such need of your guidance; we pray for a deeper valuing of our universe and of one another; for your kingdom to come on earth as in heaven. (pause) You are with us; **every step of the way.**

Father, may our homes be centres of love, acceptance and welcome; we pray that you will make your home among us in each room and each relationship. (pause)

You are with us; **every step of the way.**

We pray for all who are weighed down with doubts, fears and misgivings; all who are haunted by the past or scared of the future. We ask for them awareness of your constant presence and courage to place their hand in yours. (pause)
You are with us; **every step of the way.**

Lord God, as we remember those whose earthly life has come to an end, we pray that they, and we in our turn, may recognize you in heaven and live in your light forever. (pause) You are with us; **every step of the way.**

Lord God, we give you thanks for all the blessings you shower on us along the way of life, and for the painstaking guidance you provide.

*Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen*