

Having bought back our freedom with the giving of his life, Jesus enters into the full glory to which he is entitled.

As we celebrate together, let us pray together.

Today's congregational response, as printed in the bulletin, is
(pause) Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

God of love, as we celebrate this festival of Jesus' entry into heaven as Saviour and Lord, we pray for unity in the Church and reconciliation and renewed vision. (pause)

Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

As we recall the shouts of praise in heaven as the Lamb of God appears, we pray for all who are hailed as heroes and given great honour on earth; for all who worship anyone or anything other than the true God. (pause)

Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory**

We pray for all farewells and homecomings among our families and in our community, and for all who have lost touch with loved ones and long for reunion. (pause)

Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory**

Father we pray for those who are full of tears, and cannot imagine being happy again; we pray for the hardened and callous, whose inner hurts have never yet been healed. We pray for wholeness and comfort and new life. Remembering Stephen Cynthia David Ethan Doreen Baby Evan Jim Guy Alex and those known to you alone. (pause)

Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory**

We commend to your eternal love those we remember who have died, and we pray for those who miss their physical presence.

(pause) Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory**

We praise and bless you, God of our making, for the way you draw us deeper into the meaning of life.

Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of you Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Please ask the congregation to join with you in Primate Fred's special prayer for today, which is printed in the bulletin.

Primate Fred Hiltz's Prayer for Jerusalem

O God, We give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth.

We pray your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East.

Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Grace those who proclaim the gospel.

Guide all who teach a new generation of young people.

Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them.

Sustain the hope of all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One.

And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful.

We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.