PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - EASTER 7-B

Knowing and believing the love God has for us, let us offer our prayers in the name of Jesus who was taken up to heaven and intercedes for us at the right hand of God, saying, *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, that we may always bear witness to the truth of God's love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer*.

For this parish family, that we who are sent may go forth and continue Christ's mission of bringing hope and healing to all. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the gift of peace in all places of conflict, that God will touch hearts, and give courage to those who work tirelessly for justice and the common good of all. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those preparing for baptism at Pentecost, and all who seek a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit, that God will fill them with the Spirit of truth and love. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those in places overwhelmed by the pandemic, that God will strengthen those caring for the sick, working against great odds, and distributing the vaccine. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all who are in need of our prayers, remembering especially, Cheryl, Monica, Don, Frieda, Donald Sr, Jim, Warren, Elizabeth, Evan, Nancy, Janet, Paula, Carol, Jake, Mary Ann, Angie & Baby, Diane, Danielle, and Ellen *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer*.

For those who have died, remembering especially William Diehm, for in whose memory today's Bulletin have been sponsored- that they will be welcomed into the peace and joy of God's eternal reign. *Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, and with all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *Alleluia! to you, O Lord we give praise and glory.*

<u>Celebrant</u>: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, source of all joy. Hear our prayers and send us your Holy Spirit that we may bear witness to your abiding love made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and always and unto the ages of ages. *Amen.*