FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT   26/27 MARCH 2022

Celebrant: **Dear friends, in company with Jesus, God's beloved Son, let us pray for the glory of God to dispel the shadows of the world.**

1   For Pope Francis and all Church leaders: may they show the way of a Church that is a welcoming community, teaching us how to forgive and how to be forgiven.   [*pause*]   **Lord hear us.**
                                             Lord hear our prayer.

2   For all the places in the world where there is animosity and conflict, remembering especially the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, recently consecrated by Pope Francis to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: may hearts and minds be converted to Christ's way of humility, peace and reconciliation, and may those who are the targets of violence and oppression be protected and delivered to safety.   [*pause*]   **Lord hear us.**

3   For all victims of human trafficking: that they be set free from bondage and the unscrupulous agents of their exploitation be brought to justice.
                              [*pause*]   **Lord hear us.**

4   We continue to pray for Project Compassion this Lenten season: may the efforts and sacrifices people make strengthen their awareness so that they can better respond to the needs of the poor.
                              [*pause*]   **Lord hear us.**

5   For our faith community: may we pause and examine our own lives in the light of Jesus' teaching in today's gospel.   [*pause*]   **Lord hear us.**

6   We pray for the sick among us and for all who have asked for our prayers especially: Oscar Ferrate, Peter Cushen, Anna Romeo, Rosalind Vincent, Josephina Varghese, Marie Virag, Kath Leyden, Amelie Gutierrez, Dalmiro Bellio, Lamberto Cruz, Pasquale Buonomo and Sofia Ruggiero.
                              [*pause*]   **Lord hear us.**

7   For those who have died recently especially, Giuseppe Lamari and Sam Sofia and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Pasquale Guarino and Angelo Frattasio. May they be raised to eternal life with Christ.   [*pause*]   **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant:

  Merciful Father,
  we come to you with repentant hearts.
  Hear the prayers we have brought to you today.
  We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
  Amen.