**Holy Thursday – The Lord’s Supper**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** “As I have loved you, so you also must love one another”. Gathered as God’s people and nourished by His Word, we bring our needs before the Lord.

1. For the Church and the successors of the apostles: may they serve God’s people with humility, courage and integrity. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For our faith community: in this Jubilee Year, may our hope in God’s promises inspire us seek his will in all things. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For families who gather around the **table** of the Lord: deepen their sense of unity and love for one another in the breaking of bread. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those who are spiritually and physically hungry. May the Lord give them His daily bread which strengthens their body and renews their spirit. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For vocations: inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministries of the Church, that strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of your kingdom. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For our Christian brothers and sisters who celebrate the Lord’s Supper this night. May they draw strength from the Lord dwelling among his people in difficult times. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For those in the caring profession, the many who wash the feet of others: reward their selfless care as they strive to follow the example of Christ. **Lord, hear us.**
8. ‘*My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people*.’ For the priests of our diocese who minister to us throughout the year and fulfil their vows among us. Sustain them in prayer and renew them in hope. **Lord, hear us**.
9. ‘*The blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.*’ As Christ gives himself to us in the Eucharist, may we learn to give ourselves to others. **Lord, hear us.**
10. For all who have died: may they share in the eternal banquet of heaven. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, you have given us the Body and Blood of Christ your Son to nourish us on our journey through life. Give us your strength that we may truly be your faithful disciples. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**