INTRODUCTION

The Eucharist is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognise the Lord in the breaking of the word which makes our hearts burn with faith and the breaking of bread which nourishes us to live as worthy witnesses of God's love for us in Jesus.

READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2: 14, 22-23
Psalm: **Ps** 16: 1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-21
Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

CELEBRANT: God shows us the path of life eternal as we seek Him in Jesus, crucified and raised to life. With faith in His infinite mercy and goodness let us offer our needs and intentions. **Our response is**: **IN YOUR LOVE HEAR OUR PRAYER O LORD**

For the Holy Father, the Bishops, Priests, Religious and the lay faithful; that we may continue to be nourished by God's word from our scriptures and Christ's body broken and shared with us… we pray to the Lord… **R/**

For our political leaders; that their plans, policies and programmes may always seek the well-being of all people, irrespective of religious, financial and social orientation… we pray to the Lord… **R/**

For all of us gathered for this Eucharistic celebration; that we may always recognise the real presence of the risen Lord in the Eucharistic breaking of bread… we pray to the Lord… **R/**

For all those who are either ignorant about the life of Jesus or are complacent about the faith; that they be drawn to the person of Christ through the selfless example of all of us who celebrate our faith… we pray to the Lord… **R/**

For the prayers we now make with faith; that God may be generous in His blessings and mercy… *(Pause for 7 seconds)*… we pray to the Lord…**R/**

CELEBRANT: Abba Father, we are grateful to You for the gift of Your Son Jesus whose words always make our hearts burn within us as he leads us on the path of life and for listening to the prayers we have made with faith in You and the same Christ our Lord. Amen.