

Opening Prayer: O gracious God, we come to you on
 This morning confessing that we at times do not have
 any charity to share, or prayers to offer or forgiveness
 to give. We come with contrite hearts, bringing
 our times of failure, our disappointments, our unful-
 filled dreams, and our times of dryness. We know
 that you can supply all needs and quench the thirst
 of our souls. Help us, O Lord, to be your people
 anew.

Pastoral Prayer: We gather, O Lord, as your people
 with praise and thanksgiving for your presence here
 in this place. As a community of faith, we feel the
 power of your spirit, knowing that so often we
 fail to be all that we are capable of being. Give
 us the strength we need. Our hearts are heavy for those
 who are suffering through grief in this hour. Fill
 their souls with a sense of knowing the promise of
 eternal life. In this season of Easter, let us become
 a sign of life by embracing our neighbors, empowering
 the powerless, and sharing the resources that come
 from your creation. We often fall short and miss
 the mark of your love, forgive us of our many
 transgressions. Let the negative pulse in our
 life be replaced by a vision of where this Church and
 all of your family should be in the coming days.
 Bless the families, homes, institutions, and businesses
 of our community both here and around the world.
 May we through your spirit know right from
 wrong and follow the teaching of the Holy
 Word. In the name of him, who taught us
 when he pray, to say —