

TOGETHER WE PRAY – OCTOBER 15 2017

Bidding: Your peace, O God, guard our hearts

Response: **Your peace, O God, keep our minds in Christ.**

Loving Creator, we thank you for the beauty of these islands – flowing rivers and still lakes, delicate spring blossoms and strong mountain peaks, lambs and calves skipping in green paddocks, children at play on swings and slides. We give you thanks for the privilege and joy of living in this good land.

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We thank you for the invitation you extend to us all, to come to your banquet of finest bread and richest wine. As we prepare for the feast of your table, keep us mindful of those who are hungry and those who are thirsty. As we gather together, to share the sacred meal, we are aware of the sad divisions among us that spoil our unity. Show us how we might care for the needy and heal the brokenness.

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With trust, we make our requests to you, dear God – for healing.....

for comfort....wisdom for our government.....guidance and vision for the leaders in our diocese....warmth and welcome in our parishes.....

Grant us the garment of loving humility in our community, the covering of faith in our prayers, the cloak of reverence in our worship.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;

we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. *(Prayer book)*