Intercessions Third Sunday of Easter—April 18, 2021

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- That the church may be a clear, credible witness to the Resurrected Christ through our love and mercy toward others. *We pray*,
- That our witness may impact political decisions both domestically and internationally, especially on issues of peace and justice. *We pray*,
- For a country divided, where it is difficult to admit mistakes, ask forgiveness, or forgive one another; and for those who work to heal those divisions. *We pray*,
- For the healing of deep racial discord woven into our nation's fabric; especially for those currently struggling for justice in Minnesota. *We pray*,
- For our Muslim brothers and sisters as they observe the Ramadan fast; and for all others who possess a portion of truth different from our own. *We pray*,
- For this community, as the virus continues to separate us; for those among us who are sick or suffering, dying or grieving-especially the Marrin family; and for those we seek to love and serve through our parish ministries. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own concerns, and for the strength to be Christ for others in all that we say and do *(pause)*. For all these things, let us pray to the Lord.