

Intercessions
Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 9, 2021

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the whole church: that it may have the humility to explore and expand its own understanding of who is worthy of God's love. *We pray,*
- For those who are witnesses to love in the most difficult situations and at great personal risk. *We pray,*
- For the honesty to explore our own depth of love in this polarized time, including our love for those who disagree with us, or those we consider our enemies. *We pray,*
- For our culture, that has over-sentimentalized and over-sexualized love; and for those who believe that power is greater than love. *We pray,*
- For our mothers, for all mothers, and for all women who nurture others on this Mother's Day—especially those who do so with great difficulty. *We pray,*
- For those in this community—either present or absent—who are most in need of love, especially the sick and grieving, the discouraged and depressed; and for the courage to discern whether our parish ministries demonstrate love where it is most needed. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own concerns, and for the courage to love those we consider most difficult to love (*pause*). *For all these things, let us pray to the Lord.*