

**Intercessions**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 22, 2022**

**Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the church that is still divided by disagreements and factions...that we may remember Jesus' call to live in love and peace. *We pray,*
- For courage, creativity and tenacity to respond to the Spirit's advocacy for church renewal in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and for our newest members, who will depend upon and be part of that renewal. *We pray,*
- For all whose hearts are troubled and afraid, wondering whether and where peace will ever come. *We pray,*
- For those who promote racial conspiracy theories—who fear and challenge the diversity that is essential to our national identity. *We pray,*
- For those who use social media for perverse and divisive purposes; and for those supporting its social rather than solely financial benefits. *We pray,*
- For those among us who are sick or in any kind of need; and for the Spirit's help in responding to the needs of those we serve through our ministries in Midtown and beyond. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs; and for the courage to be Christ's presence wherever it is needed. *(Pause). For all these things, we pray.*