1st SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Reader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon or Reader:

As we watch in disbelief and horror at the invasion of Ukraine, let us pray for a change of heart in President Putin and an end to hostilities. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Let us pray for those who have been injured and killed, for their families broken by grief, and the many young soldiers caught up in the conflict.
Let us pray to the Lord.
R. Lord, have mercy.

For the President of Ukraine and other world leaders.

May the Holy Spirit give them wisdom and guide their choices.

Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

For the many civilians fleeing the conflict, and those left behind – hiding from the bombing and the bullets. May the Lord be close to them and protect them. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, have mercy.

As we begin the season of Lent, may we draw closer to the Lord, embrace his values, and learn to live in peace with one another. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

For our own personal intentions and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Maureen Connor who has died, Zac Bishop, Jean Molphy, Baby Oakley and all the people of this parish community. (Pause for silent prayer)

Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord, have mercy.

Now let us ask Our Lady of Kyiv to join us in our prayers for peace: "Hail Mary..."

Presider: Hear our prayers, O Lord,

and in your mercy

grant what we ask in faith. Through Christ our Lord.