

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to the Lord who is coming to save us.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As we prepare for the great feast of Christ's birth,
may the Holy Spirit help us to be gentle and kind to one another,
especially when we're feeling stressed or tired.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

- 2 For those places in the world where people long for peace and justice,
especially the Holy Land, Iraq, Myanmar, Nigeria, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

- 3 For those we are trying to help this Christmas,
especially the men and women who are homeless in Warrington,
individuals and families in our community who struggling,
and the many animals who will be abandoned over the holiday.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

- 4 For those who are not looking forward to Christmas
because they are missing someone, or because they are lonely,
or because there is unhappiness in their lives just now.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

- 5 In the quiet of our hearts, let us pray for our own personal intentions;
for John Curley, Michael Morris, Maureen Fisher, Colin Powers, Robert Wandon
and Albert Harper who have died;
and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Alf & Mary Baker,
Josephine & Barry Thompson, and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary... "

Presider: Holy God,
hear our prayers for the world that you love,
and grant them through the One whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near: Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.