

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us pray to the Father
who stoops down to us and hears our cries.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to the crowd,
may the way we live our daily lives be a sign of Christ to others.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For peace – in our hearts and in our homes, in our country and throughout the world.
We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Yemen, Myanmar, Afghanistan,
Ethiopia and Iran.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 As we begin the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity on Wednesday,
let us pray for our sisters and brothers in the other Christian Churches and groups.
May we take seriously Christ's call for all of us to be united.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For loved ones who have died, especially Margaret Merriman, Tom Fiddler,
Anne Rowlands, Margaret Inkersole, Vincent Lawton, Margaret Duncanson,
Stephen Millington and Kathleen Hughes.
May they rest for ever in the embrace of God.
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we are remembering this weekend,
especially Steve Raymond, Derek Roberts
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: Gracious God,
when we call to you,
you stoop down to hear and save us.
Be with all who cry out to you this day
and bring them comfort and peace.
Through Christ our Lord.