

5th SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Reader: Let us pray to the Lord.
All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Nourished by the word of God,
let us pray for our needs and those of all the world.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As we approach the great feast of Easter,
let us pray for those preparing to be received into the Church,
for the children preparing for First Communion and their families,
and for the young people preparing for Confirmation.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 For those countries in our world where there is so much suffering.
We pray especially for the people of the Holy Land, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 3 For those who are mourning the death of a loved one.
May they know that Jesus is with them,
just as he was with Martha and Mary when their brother, Lazarus, died.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 4 For our beloved dead,
especially Jack Disley, Kathleen Riley and Margaret Russell-Cruise.
May they rest in peace and live in Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Anne Rowlands, Mary Gamble
and all the people of this parish community.
(Pause for silent prayer)
Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, have mercy.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, who stood at the foot of the Cross, to pray for us all:
"Hail Mary..."

Presider: God of love,
you raised your Son from the dead.
Hear our prayers and raise us to new life.
Through Christ our Lord.