THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us pray to the Father, who gave us his Son, and always attends to our prayers.

Deacon or Reader:

- For the Church, God's people.
 May we continue to learn to listen to Jesus and each other so that we may become the Church God is calling us to be in this time and place.
 Lord, in your mercy.
 R. Hear our prayer.
- For the many thousands of young people gathered with Pope Francis in Portugal for World Youth Day. May they be encouraged in their faith in a world that tempts us to think only about ourselves.
 Lord, in your mercy.
 R. Hear our prayer.
- Let us pray with the people of Japan who are remembering the bombing of Hiroshima on this day in 1945 and of Nagasaki three days later.
 For the thousands who died, for those who survived with injury and sickness, and for an end to all war and the use of weapons of mass destruction.
 Lord, in your mercy.
- This weekend, we remember the victims of the Summerland Fire in the Isle of Man fifty years ago many of whom were from the North West of England.
 We pray for the families who lost loved ones and who continue to campaign for an apology for the blatant disregard of basic fire safety.
 Lord, in your mercy.
- 5 For our own personal intentions, for Barbara Williamson who has died, and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Elizabeth O'Neill, Kathleen Postlethwaite, Ron Jones 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 Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all: *Hail Mary...*
- **Presider:** Holy God, you showed your splendour to us in your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Help us listen to him. Through Christ our Lord.