

## **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Now let us bring to God  
the prayers and longings of our hearts.

#### ***Deacon or Reader:***

- 1 For ourselves and all God's people.  
As we prepare for the great feast of Christmas,  
may we remember the things that are important  
and not get caught up in the usual frenzy that characterises this time of year.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus.      **R. Maranatha.**
  
- 2 For countries throughout the world where people long for peace and justice,  
especially the Holy Land, Myanmar and Ukraine.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus.      **R. Maranatha.**
  
- 3 For all those involved in the climate conference in Dubai.  
May they work together to find practical and workable solutions to the threat of  
climate change so that everyone, everywhere, might cherish our beautiful world.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus.      **R. Maranatha.**
  
- 4 For those who have died,  
especially Marie Morley and Ken Armitage.  
May the Lord welcome them into his heavenly home.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus.      **R. Maranatha.**
  
- 5 For our own personal intentions,  
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,  
especially Ellen Cox, Ken Hindle  
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:** Father,  
tear the heavens open and come down!  
Hear our prayers and bless us with peace,  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.