

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: God has called us and he will not let us down.
So let us place our prayers into his care.

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 an end to the dreadful suffering in the Holy Land, Myanmar and Ukraine.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

3 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.**

4 For those who have died, especially Brian Fitzgerald, Ken Armitage, Ian Buist,
Fr Terry Murray, Mary Harcourt, Terry Ann Rathbone and Paul Vernon.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Frank Berry,
Derrick Roberts 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: O God of joy and peace,
make our hearts ready for the coming of the One,
who even now is among us:
your Son, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.