

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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.
May the Lord make us 'increase and abound in love for one another'.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 2 For an end to the bloodshed in Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan and Ukraine.
May world leaders put politics aside and do all they can to end the suffering
and negotiate a lasting peace.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 3 Let us pray for all living with HIV/AIDS. May the right to healthcare be honoured,
especially in those places where prejudice and indifference fails them.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 4 For our beloved dead, especially Brian Plumb, Betty Fiddler and Barbara Sergeant.
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 Rita Devine, 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.