

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to the Lord who is very near.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Christ's birth, let us pray for the grace to be patient and kind with one another, especially when we're feeling stressed or tired.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 2 For an end to the dreadful suffering in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Ukraine.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 3 For those we are trying to help this Christmas, especially the suffering people of Gaza and Lebanon, individuals and families in our own community who are struggling, and the many animals who will be tragically abandoned over Christmas.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 4 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.**
- 5 In the quiet of our hearts, let us pray for our own personal intentions; for Barbara Sargeant and Peter Milner who've died; and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Ellen Cox, Yvonne Lawrence 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, you are always near to us.
Hear our prayers and bring peace to our hearts,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.