

## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

### Bidding Prayers

**Presider:** As Advent draws to a close,  
let us pray to the Father who gave us his Son.

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

1 For anyone who feels cut off from the joy of Christmas:  
because they are sick or missing a loved one,  
because they are lonely or having a difficult time just now,  
because they are homeless or in prison.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

2 For the suffering people of the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan.  
We pray too for those killed and injured in Germany on Friday.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

3 For those like Mary who are awaiting the birth of a child,  
and for those like Joseph who adopt or foster children.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

4 For the patience, love and understanding we may need this week,  
especially with our families and friends.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

5 For our own personal intentions; for Joan Flannagan who has died;  
and for those we are remembering this weekend, especially Frank Berry,  
Carol Worsley, and all the people of this parish community.  
(Pause for silent prayer)

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**

6 In the Gospel, Elizabeth's words to Mary have become part of the prayer we know as  
the 'Hail Mary'. So, using her words and those of the angel Gabriel, let us ask Mary,  
the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all, as we say: "**Hail Mary...**"

**Presider:** Who are we, Lord God,  
that you should come to us?  
Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us.  
As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son,  
help us to imitate his kindness and mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.