SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (C)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring the cares and prayers of our hearts to the Father.

Deacon or Reader:

For ourselves and all people of good will.

May we help one another to build God's kingdom of justice, love and peace by the way we live our lives.

Lord, in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

- For the people of Gaza and the West Bank who continue to suffer; for the people of Ukraine as they weigh up the peace plan proposed to them; and for the forgotten people of Sudan caught up in a devastating civil war. Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For all the children and young people in our parish, especially those who join us here in church.

 May the Lord watch over them always, guide them as they grow, and nurture the gift of faith planted in their hearts.

 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- For our beloved dead, especially Kenneth Alfred Smith, John Colduck and all those on the Pious Lists.

 May they hear the words of Jesus:
 "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend, especially Josephine Clare, Harry Howl and all the people of this parish community.

 (Pause for silent prayer)

 Lord, in your mercy.

 R. Hear our prayer.
- Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all: "Hail Mary..."

Presider: God of love,

hear our prayers

which we make through your Son, Jesus Christ,

our brother and our King,

for ever and ever.