

## **2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Longing for the day when Christ will come again,  
let us bring our prayers to the Father.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 The Lord does not judge by appearances and gives no verdict on hearsay.  
So let us pray for the grace to treat each other in the same friendly way  
that Christ treats us.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 2 Let us pray for that justice which brings true peace,  
especially for the people of Gaza, the West Bank, Ukraine, Sudan and Nigeria.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 3 For those who suffer prejudice because of their sexual orientation.  
May the Good Shepherd hold them close to himself  
and teach us all to welcome one another as he welcomes us.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 4 For the poor, the homeless, the unloved and all who are in need.  
May they experience God's love this Christmas  
through our care and our prayers.  
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions,  
for Malcolm Hackwell and Deacon Bob Smith who have died,  
and for all those we are remembering in our prayers this weekend,  
especially Kathleen Postlethwaite, Gladys Daley  
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, whose word is comfort,  
speak to our hearts and bring us peace,  
as we wait in joyful hope  
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.