

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring our prayers to the Lord who is coming to save us.

Deacon or Reader:

- 1 As we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Christ's birth,
let us pray for the grace to be kind and patient with one another,
especially when we're feeling stressed or tired.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 2 For those places in the world where people long for peace and justice,
especially the Holy Land, Myanmar, the Sahel region in Africa, and Ukraine.
♪ Come, Lord Jesus. **R. Maranatha.**
- 3 For those we are trying to help this Christmas,
especially the suffering people of Gaza,
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 Malcolm Hackwell and Pat Cassidy who have died;
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Johnnie McCarthy, Paul Ryan 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: Holy God,
hear our prayers for the world that you love,
and grant them through the One whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near – Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.