

## **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (A)**

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Trusting in God's great love for each one of us,  
let us bring our prayers to the Father.

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

- 1 Let us remember and pray for those who introduced us to Jesus  
and shared their faith with us by bringing us to church to be baptised.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 Let us continue to pray for the many people who continue to suffer in Gaza and  
the West Bank, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Syria and the Sahel region of Africa.  
Let's also remember the people of Venezuela and Greenland facing anxious times.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For the children who will baptised this weekend and in the coming weeks.  
May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon them.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For our beloved dead,  
especially Mark Postlethwaite, Michael Meade, Rita Hutson and Vicky O'Brien.  
As the Lord welcomes them into the joy of his presence,  
may he hold their families and friends close to his heart.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 Finally, let us pray for our own personal intentions,  
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,  
especially Arthur & Vera Brindle, David Searle  
and all the people of this parish community.  
(Pause for silent prayer)  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:  
**"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** Gracious God,  
tear the heavens open and come down.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us  
and help us to follow you with all our hearts.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.