1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Bidding Prayers

Presider: Now let us bring to God the prayers and longings of our hearts.

Deacon or Reader:

1 For ourselves and all God's people.
As we prepare for the great feast of Christmas,
may we remember the things that are important
and not get caught up in the usual frenzy that characterises this time of year.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. ***R.*** **Maranatha.**

2 For countries across the world where people long for peace and justice,
especially the Holy Land, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan and Ukraine.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. ***R.*** **Maranatha.**

3 For the millions of men, women and children living with HIV and AIDS.
May the right to healthcare be honoured,
especially in those places where prejudice and indifference fail them.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. ***R.*** **Maranatha.**

4 For our beloved dead, especially Charles Malone, Fr Tom Gagie
and all those on the Pious Lists.
May the Lord welcome them into his heavenly home.

♪ Come, Lord Jesus. ***R.*** **Maranatha.**

5 For our own personal intentions
and for those we have been asked to remember this weekend,
especially Gladys & Tom Daley, Dennis Chan, John Bernard McGinty
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: Father,
tear the heavens open and come down!
Hear our prayers and bless us with peace,
as we wait in joyful hope
for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

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