

Season of Advent : Sunday 4A

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.
In this season of hope, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the whole Church;
that our life and our worship may faithfully proclaim
the mystery of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

PAUSE for silent prayer — at least five seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For the peace of the world;
for an end to all disputes between peoples and nations, religions, and races;
for the work of the United Nations,
and all who work far from home to help establish peace.
3. For those who are not looking forward to Christmas,
and all who will spend their first Christmas alone;
may they find consolation and hope in the coming of our Saviour.
4. For all expectant mothers,
especially any who may be troubled by anxiety or doubt;
that Mary, Mother of our Saviour, will comfort them and nurture their hope.
5. For ourselves, our parish, and all who worship with us today;
that like the Blessed Virgin and St Joseph,
we will be open to hear the life-giving word of God.
6. For the faithful departed:
those who have died recently, and all whose anniversary we keep;
that they will experience the fullness of Christ's resurrection from the dead.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our Saviour, to join her prayers with ours: Hail, Mary ...

Priest

Pour forth, O Lord, your grace into our hearts:
once through the message of an angel
you revealed to us the incarnation of Christ your Son;
now through his passion and cross
lead us to the glory of his resurrection,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.