

Celebrant: Our God is a God of justice who leads us to joy. As women and men of faith, we place our trust in God, who is always ready to extend mercy to those who reach out in prayer.

- 1** For Pope Francis and all leaders of our Church: May they continue to open our hearts and minds to the knowledge and proper understanding of God's love for us. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2** For the leaders of nations and political parties who proclaim a Christian message: may their voices be heard above those who strive to take Christ out of the season of hope. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 3** For the peacemakers of our world: may they be supported in their efforts to bring hope to those trapped in conflict. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 4** For all people in aged and palliative care: that they will be looked after with respect, compassion and love. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 5** For our parish community: that the celebration of Mary's Immaculate Conception will deepen our faith in God's saving power. [pause] **Lord hear us.**
- 6** We pray for our sick relatives and friends, and for all who feel forgotten in their hour of need. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they enjoy eternal peace in God's kingdom. [pause] **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant:

**Come, O come, Emmanuel.
May your justice flourish in our time,
and may the fullness of your peace come to all
who have placed their trust in you.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**