Intercessions First Sunday of Lent—February 21, 2021

Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the whole church: that we may strengthen our covenant with a loving God during this Lenten season. *We pray*,
- For the desire and ability to develop lasting, life-giving relationships in a short-term, low-investment, legalistic, non-committal world. *We pray*,
- For those whose covenanted relationships are broken or beginning to fray...in marriages, families, friendships or partnerships. *We pray*,
- For those places where the crises of Covid or unexpected weather have shattered the public trust; for leaders who embody honesty and integrity and commitment and accountability. *We pray*,
- For those people living on the edge who will continue to suffer after the shots are given, the power is restored, clean water is flowing, and warm weather returns. *We pray*,
- For the strengthening of this community and each of us as we remain separated during this time; for the sick or dying, the lonely or grieving; and for those we have committed to serve through our parish ministries or individual care. We pray,
- For our own needs, and for the courage to take even greater risks during this holy season (pause). For all these things, we pray,