

Intercessions

Third Sunday of Lent—March 7, 2021

Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For openness within the whole church to an ever deeper understanding of who Jesus is and what God asks of us through him. *We pray,*
- For those throughout the world who are persecuted for their religious views or any deeply held beliefs; and for those whose beliefs are distorted or false. *We pray,*
- For those who are condemned for new ideas, an expanded vision, or greater clarity about Jesus and the church's role in the world. *We pray,*
- For those who cling to familiar ways of knowing, being and acting—who struggle with new and challenging insights. *We pray,*
- For the courage to speak the truth without fear and to challenge whatever diminishes faith, integrity, human dignity or life. *We pray,*
- For this community as we remain separated from one another, and for all of us who are suffering in any way. May our deepened encounter with Jesus be reflected in our care for all those in need both here and beyond ourselves. *We pray,*
- We pray now for our own needs, and for minds and hearts that are open to whatever God wants to tell us (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*