

Intercessions

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 14, 2021

Cantor: Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the whole church: That we may be a merciful people with deep gratitude for God's ongoing, gracious mercy toward us. *We pray,*
- For those Christians unwilling or unable to share God's loving mercy toward others, especially those deemed unworthy. *We pray,*
- For those who have not experienced mercy, or whose suffering has caused them to lose hope in God's mercy or in mercy of any kind. *We pray,*
- For those who view acts of mercy as weakness—who resist showing mercy through law, politics, religion, or any charitable acts. *We pray,*
- For those of us who are too arrogant to think we need God's mercy or the call to conversion. *We pray,*
- For this community as we remain separated from one another; for all among us who are suffering in any way; and for those who need God's mercy demonstrated through our parish ministries wherever we exercise them. *We pray,*
- We recall now our own needs; and pray that God will heal us when we are arrogant, prod us when we are forgetful, and show us how to extend mercy to others. *(pause). For all these things, we pray,*