Intercessions 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 5, 2021

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the church: that it may keep its ears attuned to the poor and oppressed, identify with their needs, and speak out and act vigorously on their behalf. *We pray*,
- For those deafened by the cacophony of a world talking over one another; for those unable to hear the pain of others or unable to speak out. For the ability to listen and to hear. We pray,
- For those suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida; for those attempting to help; and for serious attention to the reality of global warming. *We pray*,
- For all workers across the world, especially the underpaid and those working in inhumane conditions; for those who have lost work or are unable to afford food and housing. *We pray*,
- For those whose work is maintaining a home or keeping others alive. For parents without adequate, affordable child care. *We pray*,
- For those among us who are sick, dying, grieving, or in any kind of need; and for those whose needs are still unknown to us in this sacred corner of the city. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own concerns and for the courage to listen for things we may not want to hear (pause). For all these things, we pray,