

Intercessions

Fourth Sunday of Advent—December 19, 2021

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the church: That it may more clearly exhibit the image and model of a responsive, expectant, compassionate mother. *We pray,*
- For those who consider themselves too small or insignificant, too weak or unprepared to manifest Jesus to others. *We pray,*
- For women throughout the world who—against difficult odds—provide nourishment, support and strength for their families and their communities; and for those who diminish the value and power of women. *We pray,*
- For the ability, like Elizabeth, to recognize Jesus in unexpected people and circumstances, especially those where we would least expect to find him. *We pray,*
- For the generosity to attend to those who yearn for healing, companionship or meaning as we enter into the heart of this holiday season. *We pray,*
- For those among us who are sick, lonely, grieving or suffering in any way; and for those we embrace through our parish ministries locally and internationally. *We pray,*
- We remember now our own concerns, and pray for both the strength and humility to reach out to those in need (*pause*). *For all these things, we pray,*