Intercessions The Baptism of the Lord—January 9, 2022

Cantor: O Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the church: that its ongoing propagation of Baptism may be a living sign of God's fulfilled promises for justice, peace, healing and light. *We pray*,
- For those still longing for justice and peace in violence-ridden neighborhoods, substandard housing, inadequate education, or at our nation's borders. *We pray*,
- For a resolution to the growing political conflicts within our own country, especially those that threaten our democracy. *We pray*,
- For those whose lives have been adversely affected by Christians and those who struggle to understand the interface between the gospel and complex social issues or politics. *We pray*,
- For those who use religion as a weapon for persecuting others, especially people of other faiths or those who interpret the gospel differently. *We pray*,
- For all among us in any kind of need—known or unknown; and for all those we serve as an expression of our Baptism through our parish ministries. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own concerns, and for the grace to live out our Baptism through our words and actions (pause). For all these things, we pray,