## Intercessions Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—Jan. 1, 2023

Cantor: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer; God of mercy, hear our prayer.

- For the church: that it may recognize, lift up, and support those simple messengers who most know what God is doing among us. *We pray*,
- For women across the world who are called to speak out on behalf of peace and justice; and for those of us who are called to listen. *We pray*,
- For all mothers and for those who mother us by demonstrating God's presence in our lives. *We pray*,
- For mothers or fathers who parent alone or in dangerous situations, in poverty, in frustration, or in fear. *We pray*,
- For those without loving parents or assurance that God is with us; and for all who need encouragement as we begin a new year. *We pray*,
- For all who are suffering in this community--whose needs are known or unknown to us; and for all those for whom we seek to be God's blessing through our parish ministries. *We pray*,
- We pray now for our own concerns, and for the conviction that we can be adequate signs of God's shining face to others *(pause)*. For all these things, we pray,