22nd December 2019 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Year A PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: God is with us. Therefore, like Mary ever-virgin, let us pray with faith and confidence, opening wide our hearts to all human needs: *Lord, hear our prayer*.

- 1. That the Church may ever provide pastoral care for people on different pilgrimages of faith. Let us pray to the Lord.
- That Christmas may bring a lasting peace among nations, especially those involved in conflict.
 Let us pray to the Lord.
- 3. That people busily preparing for Christmas may still find the God who is with us. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 4. For all those who have gone before us and have died in faith, especially the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, that the Lord may free them from the shadows of death and gladden them with the light of his face.

.....Let us pray to the Lord.

 For the intentions of this assembly, especially the prayers written in this Parish Book of Intercessions, may God graciously hear them.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Priest: Come, Lord God, in the power of your love. Through our prayers for others, remove any obstacle preventing us from going to meet Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.