**Prayer of the Faithful**

**2nd Sunday of Advent, 5th December 2021**

**Introduction**

Our God is a God of justice who leads us to joy. As women and men of faith, we place our trust in God, who is always ready to extend mercy to those who reach out in prayer.

**Petitions**

1. For the church: that we may make ready a way for the Lord in our time and make a straight path for God in our hearts, our families and our workplaces. We pray to the Lord.
2. For the gift of hope: that the Word of God may bring new hope and courage to us so that we may cooperate with God in confronting evil and work to heal the brokenness in the human family. We pray to the Lord.
3. For this community of faith: that our love for others may grow in depth and sincerity and that God’s work in us may bring us ever closer to God. We pray to the Lord.
4. For all children: that the hope that fills their hearts this season may become firmly planted within them and sustain them throughout life’s journey. We pray to the Lord.
5. For all who are ill: that God will heal the sick, strengthen their caregivers, and inspire all who are seeking cures for disease.

We pray to the Lord.

1. For peace: that God will inspire us to respect the dignity of all, and promote justice for one another in our families, faith communities and workplaces. We pray to the Lord.

**Conclusion**

Come, O come, Emmanuel. May your justice flourish in our time, and may the fullness of your peace come to all who have placed their trust in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.