

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT C

*In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the catechumens and for all the holy people of God [*silence*], that we may be led by the Spirit to hunger for the word of life, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peoples and nations of the world, and for those in authority [*silence*], that power and glory may not turn us from the way of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who are afflicted and oppressed, [especially N.,] that God will open our ears to their cry, let us pray to the Lord.

For this community [*silence*], that we may believe in our hearts and confess with our lips the word that is near, let us pray to the Lord.

For our own needs and those of others [*silence*], that God may be gracious to us in our need, let us pray to the Lord.

*[Here other intercessions may be offered.]*

*Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*