

5th Sunday Ordinary Time (b) 4th February 2024

Introduction

*leader: Greet the people and name the Sunday of the Year (see above)
Acknowledge visitors and welcome them.
Remind everyone that there will be refreshments ? ? ? ?
Announce the theme of the liturgy (see next)*

Theme – The good work multiplies

*leader: Jesus starts his ministry in Capernaum.
The evangelist Mark, makes the point
that Jesus went to a synagogue on the sabbath.¹
The message he delivered there, is called, 'a new teaching'.²
Its appreciated by some – but rejected by others.
On the same day, after leaving the synagogue,
Jesus goes to a friend's house with his disciples.
There he performs the first healing mentioned by Mark.
He restores Peter's mother-in-law to health
– a sign of the kingdom of life, which he has come to announce!
(Announce the opening hymn:)*

Greeting

*presider: Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ✠ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu:
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose table we share,
be with us:
or
Good evening/morning and the Lord be with you:
or
Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord,
be with you all:
or
Citizens with the saints and members of God's household, grace and
peace be with you:
all: **And with your spirit.***

Penitential Rite *Invitation to Repentance*

*either (confer with the Projectionist beforehand if you choose to include the: 'I confess'.)
leader: Gathered together in Christ, let us ask forgiveness with
confidence, for God is gentle and compassionate.
all: **I confess: . . .***

*or
leader: Friends in Christ, it is said in today's psalm: "God heals the broken-hearted
and binds up their wounds." Let us ask the God of mercy, to heal our
brokenness and sin:
Your servant Job was crushed by suffering. We doubt Your love, when we*

1 Mk.1:21
2 Ibid. v.27

*are in our own difficulties: - (pause) - **Lord, have mercy:***

Your apostle Paul, made himself servant of all to preach Your gospel.

*We want to be served instead of serving: - (pause) - **Christ, have mercy:***

*Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose heart saw into the deepest yearnings of our hearts. Yet we still fail to find time to offer You the praise of our prayer and we fill our days with trivial pursuits: - (pause) - **Lord, have mercy:***

leader: May almighty God, cleanse us of our sins and through the celebration of this Eucharist make us worthy to sit at the table of the kingdom for ever.

*all: **Amen.***

GLORIA *invitation*

either

leader: With all the voices of heaven, let us sing praise, honour and glory to God.

or

leader: With peoples everywhere, let us glorify our God in joyful song.

Or

leader: Let us sing the praises of the Lord, the God who made us, whose glory is from age to age:

Opening Prayer

leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Out of Your power and compassion, O God, You sent Your Son into our afflicted world to proclaim the day of salvation.

Heal the brokenhearted, bind up our wounds.

Bring us health of body and spirit

and raise us to new life in Your service.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ:

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: (*Job 7: 1a, 2-4, 6-7*)

leader: Job's lament about his seemingly endless suffering. The Book of Job takes an ancient folk-tale about a saintly person (see Ezek. 14:14,20) and uses it to set up a discussion between: Job, his friends, and the Lord God.

Introduction to the second reading: (*1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23*)

leader: The apostle Paul foregoes some of his rights for the sake of others in his community. Paul is compelled by the very nature of the gospel itself and a sense of his own place in the economy of God to live and preach it. The story demands retelling

Gospel Acclamation:

*all: **Alleluia! Alleluia!***

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Introduction to the gospel reading: (*Mark 1: 29-39*)

leader: Mark shows the profound effect of Jesus' person and actions on his future apostles. Jesus cures Simon Peter's mother-in-law and still – Simon Peter remains friends with Him!? More seriously – Mark covers the beginning of Jesus' campaign against the legitimacy of the prevailing social order by

his works of compassion and healing.

Homily Notes (presider)

- *Jesus had a problem finding time to pray. Whenever he tried to get away for some prayer, folks in need tracked him down. "Rising early the next morning, he went off to a lonely place in the desert; there he was absorbed in prayer. Simon and his companions managed to track him down; and when they found him, they told him, 'Everybody is looking for you!'"*
- *That problem is not limited to Jesus. We all live with the fact that as we grow in love of God, there seems to be no time to pray, to meditate, to contemplate. Studies must be done, jobs must be performed, families must be raised. Whenever a free moment appears, someone or something seems waiting to steal it. So, we feel guilty that we do not give God the time we think we are supposed to. But perhaps it is a mistake to make too great a separation between prayer and our everyday lives. Over the centuries we have allowed a special vocation in the Church; monasticism, to become a sort of norm for what our religious life should be. We feel guilty when we do not (even though we cannot) give ourselves over to hours of daily prayer.*
- *But most of us do not live in monasteries where the day is built around our prayer schedule. Most of us live in situation where the day is built around nothing in particular, unless chaos be something in particular. Our days are devoted to reaching the end of them with a modicum of dignity, energy, health, sanity and holiness.*
- *We must look to some other place other than the monastery for a model, and we can find one in Simon Peter's mother-in-law. When we first hear of her, she is in bed with a fever. We all know that experience. Had she been a younger woman with little children running around, she might not have been able to take to her bed. She would still have been taking care of the children who probably brought the fever home with them in the first place.*
- *Jesus came to her, took her by the hand, and helped her up. Immediately, the fever went away. How did she respond to this healing? Did she glorify God? Did she thank Jesus? Did she tell the neighbours? Did she congratulate her son-in-law on his choice of friends? No, "she immediately began to wait on them". In other words, her immediate response to the healing love of God in Christ was to get back to her everyday activity. She began to look after her guests, setting a table, making a meal, seeing to their comfort. The sorts of things we all, in varying ways, do all the time. Normal stuff.*
- *The mystery of the Incarnation, the presence of God among us as one of us, means that the place to find God, the place to meet the Lord, is not on some special sacred mountain, nor in a desert cave. It is not in the bush nor in a cathedral; The place to meet the Lord is in my daily*

life, in normal stuff.

- *It is a mistake to think that we must be engaged in prayer if we are to meet the Lord. We can meet him and serve him at every moment of our lives. Peter's mother-in-law knew this. When she met the saving power of God in Christ, she did the right thing. She got on with her everyday life.*
- *Does that mean we need not pray? No. Prayer is a special time to experience our relationship with God in a less ambiguous way than we might while sitting at a keyboard, wiping runny noses (our own or others') or waiting for a traffic light to change.*
- *Because it lacks the ambiguity of such times, my prayer time is indeed, precious, and a hunger for it is natural. We want to spend time with the One who loves us best. Jesus' own experience teaches us that we must be willing to sacrifice our prayer time for the sake of others. Like Jesus, we must be ready and willing to leave our prayer for those who seek us out. Like Peter's mother-in-law, our meeting with God must get us back to normal stuff.*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions - 5th Week Ordinary Time [Sun 4th – Sat 10th February 2024]

invitation to pray:

leader: Friends in Christ, in the power of the holy Spirit, let us turn to God in confident prayer, for our world and its needs:

1: For the Christian community; that the healing actions of Christ, comfort those who suffer in mind and body: - (pause) - God of Wholeness, hear us:

*all: **God of Wholeness, hear us.***

2: For peace-makers around the world; that the healing actions of Christ, be a source of peace for all: - (pause) - God of Peace and Justice, hear us:

*all: **God of Peace and Justice, hear us.***

3: For members of this assembly, that the healing actions of Christ, be a source of holiness and wholeness for us as we serve the gospel:

- (pause) - Power to do Good, hear us:

*all: **Power to do Good, hear us.***

4: For the people of God; that we will actively promote and protect a culture of life, encouraging and supporting those who shape parliamentary legislation to protect life to its natural end: - (pause) - God of Life, hear us:

*all: **God of Life, hear us.***

5: For the sick: we pray for: O Healer of the Sick, we pray for:

(Maungaturoto) Trevor Briljevich, Lulu & Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Bob & Julia Bland, Peter McHugh, Adolph Layec, . . .

(Mangawhai) Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Phillip Cotching, Petronella Brom & family, Lorna Bocock, Veronica Grigg, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Veronica & Iain Butler,

(Wellsford) Dallas Colville, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Lucille Jenneker, Gerard McCurran, Kiri Walton, Lagi Sands, Paul & Sandi Linton, Ivan Tomas, . .

Bless them for they share in Christ's passion through their suffering.

- (pause) – Sustainer of all who care for the sick, hear us:

*all: **Sustainer of all who care for the sick, hear us.***

6: For those who have died: in the current conflicts in our world, . . .

for: Brian Plunkett, who died recently, And for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Edna Hayward, Peter Grace, Herman Klay, James Costello, Anne Barron, Bill Partington, Mason Lindsey,

Number them among your saints: - (pause) - God of Resurrection, hear us:

*all: **God of Resurrection, hear us.***

Concluding Prayer:

leader: God of graciousness, You understand our most heart-felt needs before we even ask! Show us Your goodness in answer to these prayers – so serving You and our neighbour may be our joy, through Christ our Lord:

*all: **Amen***

(If no priest, the leader introduces Lord's Prayer.)

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Lord God,
You have provided food and drink
to sustain our earthly life;
grant, we pray, that this bread and wine
may become the sacrament that gives eternal life.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface

presider: The Lord be with you.

*all: **And also with you.***

presider: Lift up your hearts.

*all: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*all: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*presider: It is our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give You thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
We know that Your boundless glory is shown in this,
that You, the most high God,
came to the rescue of our mortal nature.
In our very weakness You found a remedy:
that nature which led to our downfall
became the means of our salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him the hosts of angels adore You
and rejoice in Your presence for ever.
May our voices join with theirs
in the triumphant chorus of praise:*

*all: **Holy holy holy!***

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Memorial Acclamation

(the Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great 'AMEN')

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

either

*leader: With trust in God, who nourishes us in the hour of need,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

or

leader: Let us pray for the coming of God's realm as Jesus taught us.

or

*leader: The Father has forgiven us, let us forgive our neighbour from the heart
as we say:*

*all: **Our Father, . . .***

*presider: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil;
graciously grant peace in our days,
that by the help of Your mercy,
we may be always freed from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*all: **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever. Amen.***

Sign of Peace

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you'.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church
and grant us the peace and unity of your Realm,
where you live, now and always:*

*all: **Amen.***

presider: The peace of the Lord be with you:

*all: **And with your spirit.***

leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace:

Lamb of God

*all: **Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (x2)
Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.***

*presider: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who by the will of the Father
and the work of the Holy Spirit,
through your death gave life to the world;
free us by this your most holy Body and Blood
from all our sins and from every evil:
keep us always faithful to your commandments
and never let us be parted from you.*

*all: **Amen***

either

presider: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

or

presider: This is the bread come down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will never die.

This is the cup of eternal life; whoever drinks of it will live forever:

*all: **Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.***

Holy Communion

*presider: Ko te Tinana o te Karaiti:
(Ko nga Toto o te Karaiti:)*

Prayer after Communion

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Merciful God,
You have invited us to share
in the one bread and the one cup.
Enable us to live as one in Christ
and to labour gladly for the salvation of all.
Grant this in the name of Jesus, the Lord:*

*all: **Amen.***

(an opportunity for announcements/notices etc. . . .)

Dismissal

*leader: May the Lord shine his face shine upon us
and show us his mercy:*

*all: **Amen***

*May the Lord turn his countenance towards us
and give us his peace:*

*all: **Amen.***

*May the Lord bless us and keep us
until we gather again:*

*all: **Amen***

The Blessing

*presider: Kia whakapaingia koutou e te Atua kaha rawa,
e te Matua, e te Tamaiti ✠ e te Wairua Tapu.*

*all: **Amene***

leader: The Mass has ended, go in peace.

*all: **Thanks be to God.***