

6th Sunday Ordinary Time (b) 11th February 2024

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

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 – Returning to Communion

leader: In today's gospel story Jesus heals a leper.
Lepers were marginalised and their disease inspired fear.
They were also shunned as sinners.
So in addition to enduring
the physical suffering of their disease,
they had to suffer the isolation and mental pain
of being treated as society's outcasts.
Jesus totally restores the leper;
physically, socially and spiritually.
In God's realm, the physical, social
and spiritual life are integrated.
In a show of indignation mixed with anger at the treatment of an
outcast, Jesus dares to touch the leper. He assumes the prerogative
of the priesthood by declaring him clean.

(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:

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

Penitential Rite *Invitation to Repentance*

either (confer with the Projectionist beforehand if you choose 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, let us recognise that we are sinners. With the leper in the
gospel, let us say to Christ: "If you want to, You can cleanse us."
The leprosy of our soul is our selfishness and greed, towards our brothers

*and sisters: - (pause) - **Lord, have mercy:***

The leprosy of our soul is our spirit of envy and jealousy:

*- (pause) - **Christ, have mercy:***

The leprosy of our soul is the impurity in our hearts:

*- (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.

*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: ...) We come before You, O God, confident in Christ's victory over sickness and death.

Heal us again from sin, which divides us, and from prejudice, which isolates us.

Bring us to wholeness of life

through the pardon You grant Your people.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ:

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: *(Leviticus 13 : 1 – 2, 45 – 46)*

leader: The chapter describes the varieties and symptoms of Leprosy. For many centuries the only known remedy for Leprosy was to ban the leper from all social contact with the healthy. For the Israelites a religious ban was added to strengthen the social ban. The disease came to be looked on as the ultimate punishment for sin.

Introduction to the second reading: *(1 Corinthians 10 : 31 – 11 : 1)*

leader: The apostle Paul is talking about the freedom that the gospel of Christ gives a disciple. Christ's gospel demands an unusually flexible approach to the task of extending the good news:

Gospel Acclamation:

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

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Introduction to the gospel reading: *(Mark 1 : 40 – 45)*

leader: Jesus touches a leper and declares that he's clean. He dares to challenge the whole system of purity which the Israelite priests control. The leper who approaches Jesus for this declaration of cleanliness, seems to be

aware that in approaching a non-priest with his request, he's violating the purity system.

Homily Notes (presider)

- *Jesus' response the leper's request is to tell him that he does choose to make him clean! Jesus does not want people to be outcasts. By declaring him clean Jesus heals the physical body and reincorporates the man into society.*
- *By touching the leper Jesus has violated the Law, but His gesture corresponds to something much more profound - love for the despised. On the other hand, Jesus' indignant anger may have taken Him further than what He had anticipated; it is too early for Jesus' radical and questioning message to be known.*
- *Jesus tells the former leper to show himself to the priest - the condition to be readmitted to society - and not to say how it happened. However, the man cannot keep quiet, and that creates immediate difficulties for Jesus' mission. But God's reigning has been opened up for the outcasts of society.*
- *Our refusal to open our hearts to others, to stretch out our hands to them - including the disenfranchised - scandalises those who do not belong to the church (Jews and Greeks in Paul's day). Only a testimony of love and generosity can reach out to those who consider themselves far from Christ.*
- *We follow the example of Paul who does not seek his own advantage in what he does, because he is imitating Christ.*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions - 6th Week Ordinary Time [Sun 11th – Sat 17th February 2024]

invitation to pray:

leader: Friends in Christ, with the leper in the gospel let us bring our needs before God:

1: *For the Christian community: may the words and healing touch of Jesus, inspire us to live unselfishly and to focus on serving others:*

- (pause) - God of Community, hear us:

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

2: *For all social outcasts; may the healing touch of Christ, inspire us to regard everyone as our neighbour:*

- (pause) - Support of the Vulnerable, hear us:

*all: **Support of the Vulnerable, hear us.***

3: *For those suffering in mind and spirit; may the teaching of Jesus, in word and action, help us to care for them with dedication and good humour:*

- (pause) – God of Wholeness, hear us:

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

4: *For the poor; refugees; the handicapped; may the teaching and healing touch of Jesus, help us to be their support, just as Jesus welcomed the leper in the gospel: - (pause) - Victor over sin and death, hear us:*

*all: **Victor over sin and death, hear us.***

5: *For the sick: O Restorer of the physical, social & spiritual life, 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 Boccock, Veronica Grigg, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Michael Sosinko, Roselle & Owen McGrane,

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

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

- (pause) - Restorer of the physical, social and spiritual life, hear us:

*all: **Restorer of the physical, social and spiritual life, hear us.***

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

for: Maree Cameron (Aust), Molly Murphy (Ireland), Brian Plunkett,

And for those whose anniversaries occur about now: Mason Lyndsey, Mervyn O'Connor, Ron Cameron, Number them among Your saints:

- (pause) - God of Resurrection, hear us:

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

Concluding Prayer:

leader: O God, our refuge and our strength and source of all goodness, Your Son can restore the outcast. Stretch out Your hand over us and touch us and we will be saved:

*all: **Amen***

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

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou: ...) Lord, may this holy sacrifice
cleanse us from sin, renew us in spirit,
and gain for us the eternal reward
promised to those who do Your will.
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 truly right and just,
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: ...) Having feasted with delight
at Your heavenly table, we beg You, Lord,
that we may always hunger for that food
by which we truly live.*

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord:

*all: **Amen.***

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

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent; in the name of God,
Who dares to love us;
we are sent in the name of Jesus,
the healing Touch of God;
we are sent in the name of the holy Spirit,
the joyful wholeness of God;
to proclaim with Jesus the good news of salvation.
May we be servants of all, in order to win them
to the gospel of Christ, 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.***