

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (b) 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Life in the Spirit – II

#### Introduction

*leader: Greet the people and name the Sunday of the Year (see above)  
Acknowledge visitors and welcome them.  
Remind everyone about refreshments at the end of Mass ????  
Announce the theme of the liturgy ( see next )*

#### Theme – Living in the spirit of Jesus – multiplying 'Shalom' (Peace)

*leader: The light of the Easter Candle symbolises the risen Christ lighting our autumn darkness.  
The light is small. It images Christ's resurrection at the beginning of the meantime.  
Easter is the seed-time of God's reigning.  
The reigning of God is planted in a tomb.  
In the meantime, realities change.  
In the darkness seeds are nurtured and roots grow in the soil.  
In faith's darkness we sense, rather than see, God's newness:  
( Announce the opening hymn: . . . . . )*

#### Greeting

*presider: Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ☩ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu:  
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: We gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.  
Along with Thomas, the doubter, may our hearts be purified in the presence of the risen Jesus.  
The first Christian community was of one heart and one soul in their believing. For our dissensions and disputes: - ( pause ) - Lord, have mercy:  
all: **Lord, have mercy:***

*leader: The apostles bore witness to the resurrection of Jesus with great power.  
For our apprehensions and slowness to assimilate the spirit of Jesus:  
- ( pause ) - Christ, have mercy:*

*all: **Christ, have mercy:***

*leader: The Risen Jesus breathed a spirit of peace on his failing disciples; But we give up hope on a future peaceful world, when we fail to forgive others:*

- ( pause ) - Lord, have mercy:

all: **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 God's realm:*

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 / Let us pray: ... ) God of Life, source of all faith, through the waters of baptism You have raised us up in Jesus and given us life that endures. Day by day refine our faith, that we who have not seen the Christ may truly confess him as our Lord and God and share the blessedness of those who believe. Grant this through Jesus Christ:*

all: **Amen.**

**Introduction to the first reading:** ( Acts 4 : 32 – 35 )

leader: *The believers in the resurrection of Jesus, share their possessions.*

**Introduction to the second reading:** ( 1 John 5 : 1 – 6 )

leader: *Faith overcomes the world – testimony concerning the Son of God.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

all: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!**

**Introduction to the gospel reading:** ( John 20 : 19 – 31 )

leader: *Jesus appears to the disciples – then Jesus addresses Thomas*

**Homily Notes** ( *presider* )

- *In today's introduction to the Eucharist, (...N ? ..) mentioned Easter is the seed-time of God's reigning; that the reigning of God is planted in a tomb!*
- *In the mean-time, realities change. In the darkness seeds are nurtured and roots grow in the soil. In faith's darkness, we sense, rather than see, God's newness.*

- *In this mean-time, growth in our faith is possible. Those who have not shared in seeing, still walk in the company of the Risen Christ. Our seedling faith in God's reigning, is refined of excessive growth; much as a plant's growth is refined by winter's chill, darkness and fertilising rains.*
- *The Easter season is a time for a transformed consciousness. The victory over death of the risen Christ offers Jesus' disciples a profoundly different perception of world, neighbour and themselves and an authorisation to live differently in that world.*
- *The good news on the threshold between the old shape of reality and the new reality that is to come into being, must be hosted with awe, respect and patience. It is a precious moment when the world-transforming, promise-keeping, justice-demanding God makes serious change in our lives possible.*

### **Creed / Statement of Faith**

**Intercessions - 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter** [ Sun 7<sup>th</sup> – Sat 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 ]*invitation to pray:*

*leader: Friends in Christ, like the community of the first Christians, with one heart and with one soul, let us pray with confidence to God-with-us in the risen Jesus, for our world and its needs:*

1: *For the leaders of the Christian church. May the peace of Jesus, help them to discern their mission of forgiveness:*

- (pause) - *Lord, hear us:*

*all: **Lord, hear us.***

2: *For world leaders. May the peace of Jesus, help them to work untiringly, in the search for peace among nations:*

- (pause) - *Lord, hear us:*

*all: **Lord, hear us.***

3: *For ourselves who renewed the promises of our baptism. May we remain in God's love by keeping the commandments of the risen Christ:*

- (pause) - *Lord, hear us:*

*all: **Lord, hear us.***

4: *For growth in our faith; that You, O Lord, refine our faith day-by-day, for us who have not seen the Christ. May we truly confess him as our Lord and God and share the blessedness of those who believe:*

- (pause) - *Lord, hear us:*

*all: **Lord, hear us.***

5: *For the sick: we pray for:*

*Mangawhai: **Petronella ter Veer, Matteo Gray, Pamela Downes, Philip Cotching, Petronella Brom & family, Lorna Boccock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Margaret Rissman, Fran Cahill, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard Henry, Iain Butler, . . .***

*Maungaturoto: **Trevor Brljevich, Lulu & Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Bob & Julia Bland, Peter McHugh, Adolph Layec, Jeremy McCroskerey, Benjamin Martinez, . . .***

*Wellsford: **Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Rita McCurran, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Iris Barrow, Lagi Sands, Tim Emberson, . . .***

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

- (pause) - *Lord, hear us:*

*all: **Lord, hear us.***

6: *For those who have died: **Veronica Butler, Tyler Higginson, Benjamin Martinez, . . . . .** And those whose anniversaries occur about now: **David Sands, Prue Whitehead, Charles Stone, Kate Urlich, Anne Gregory, Audrey Jury, Christine Colville, Vincent Lipanovich, Mary Driscoll-Richards, . . .***

*Number them among your saints: - (pause) - Lord, hear us:*

*all: **Lord, hear us.***

*Concluding Prayer:*

*leader: God of graciousness, answer our prayers in Your great kindness. Teach us Your ways of love, so that in all we do and say, we will bless Your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen***

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*presider: ( Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ... ) Receive, Lord, the gifts of Your people  
(and of those newly born in Christ),  
that, having confessed Your name  
and been cleansed in the waters of baptism,  
we may come to eternal happiness.  
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,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give You thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God;  
but we praise You with greater joy than ever  
in this Easter season  
when Christ became our paschal sacrifice.  
Through him the children of light rise to eternal life  
and the gates of heaven are unlocked  
to receive his faithful people.  
For his death is our ransom from death  
and in his resurrection all are raised to new life.  
Therefore, the universe resounds with Easter joy,  
and the choirs of angels sing the endless hymn of Your glory:*

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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III****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.*

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 / Let us pray: ... ) Grant, all-powerful God,  
that the paschal mystery we have shared*

*may never cease to touch our hearts  
with the force of its saving grace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen.***

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

### **Dismissal**

*leader: We are sent; in the name of God;  
Father of peace-makers;  
we are sent in the name of Jesus,  
Arm of the Father's peace-making;  
we are sent in the name of the holy Spirit,  
Unity of all working for peace;  
to bring peace, unity, justice,  
friendship and joy to our world  
through the practice  
of the works of mercy,  
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 to love and serve the Lord:*

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