

13th Sunday Ordinary Time (b) 30th June 2024

Matariki – the Māori New Year

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 – **FAITH IN JESUS IS LIFE-CHANGING**

*leader: This weekend we acknowledge
Matariki, the Māori New Year:
a time for remembering those
who have died in the past year;
a time for celebrating family;
and a time to prepare for the year ahead.
The key reading in today's liturgy
is Mark's account of the raising of Jairus' daughter
which proclaims Christ as victor over death:
(Announce the opening hymn:)*

Greeting

*presider: (Ki te ingoa o te Matua, ✠ o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu: /
In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit)
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose table we share,
be with us:
all: **And with your spirit.***

Lighting of Candles of Remembrance *recalling those who have died during the past year*

*leader: Some weeks ago the star cluster Matariki (the Pleiades) set.
It did not rise again the next evening. There are people we know and
love, whose lives have set; who have died and who we miss deeply.
You are invited to bring those people to mind now:
(We light candles and place them on the altar and as we do this we remember the names of
the dead and share the blessing that their lives were for us;
. allow time for people to bring forward their candles and place them randomly on the
stand on the altar)*

*leader: **Just as Matariki now rises, let this simple gesture of placing the
candles in a cluster on the altar, remind us, that our loved ones also
rise to new life.***

*all: **Amen***

*leader: Like those who grew up with and accompanied Jesus and listened in
amazement to his wisdom, we stand on the threshold of God's new world,
where our transformation is possible: Holy God, You did not create death;
You are the God of life: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:
all: **Lord, have mercy:***

leader: *Christ, you did not invent grief; you are the source of joy:*
 - (pause) - *Christ, have mercy:* all: **Christ, have mercy:**

leader: *Spirit of God, you work by love rather than crushing us for our human weaknesses; but we abuse our freedom when we think we can manage without you: - (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 the kingdom.*

all: **Amen**

GLORIA *invitation*

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

Opening Prayer

leader: *(Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) God of the living, in whose image we have been formed with imperishable life as our destiny, dispel from Your people the fear of death and awaken within us the faith that saves. Bid us rise from the death of sin to take our place in the new creation. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

all: **Amen.**

Introduction to the first reading: *(Wisdom 1 : 13 – 15, 2 : 23 – 24)*

leader: *In the first reading, the writer questions the fairness of the Lord's treatment of the Israelites. The questioning arose out of people's experience of being regularly over-run by the chaotic and dark forces of irreligion and tyranny. It is as if Job's concerns (remember last week's reading) have been put in an historical and social setting.*

Introduction to the second reading: *(2 Corinthians 8 : 7 – 9, 13 – 15)*

leader: *Paul asks the Christians of Corinth to share what they have. With tact, he tells them he is not giving them an order, but rather he is suggesting to them, they make concrete gestures to prove, 'the genuineness of their love'. Sharing with those in need, brings about 'a fair balance'.*

Gospel Acclamation:

all: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Introduction to the gospel reading: *(Mark 5 : 21 – 43)*

leader: *The story of the raising to life the daughter of Jairus, the leader of the syngogue, is divided into two parts. Between these two separated parts, Mark inter-poses the account of the cure by Jesus of a woman who is a haemorrhage victim. Sandwiching one story within another is common in Mark.*

Homily Notes (*presider*)

- *God takes, 'no pleasure in the extinction of the living'. Death came into the world "through the devil's envy" but God is stronger than death and, in Christ, offers eternal life to those who serve God!*
- *According to St. Paul, we live surrounded by people with great needs. Christ's example urges us to strive towards some measure of equitable sharing from our abundance.*
- *Jairus, a leader of the synagogue, is part of a social group which rejects Jesus. He comes to Jesus as an individual, because his daughter is dying. He asks Jesus to make her well.*
- *Jesus gives the woman who overcame her fear to touch Him, the opportunity to leave the anonymity to which she had been confined by her marginalisation and the contempt she was made to endure.*
- *Jesus doesn't point her out among the crowd. It is she who presents herself speaking - "in fear and trembling"! Jesus welcomes her as a person with her own dignity - and she tells Him the "whole truth". Jesus values her faith and her courage, telling her, "Your faith has made you well; go in peace".*
- *Jesus may as well have said; "You have done it yourself by the trust you placed in Me; now receive peace". He restores her physical health - and her place in society. To have faith, is to have life!*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions – 13th Week Ordinary Time [Sun 30th June – Sat 6th July 2024]*invitation to pray:*

leader: Friends in Christ, Jesus responds to the unspoken requests of the woman and Jairus' request for his twelve-year-old; with similar faith, we present these prayers for our needs and the needs of the human family:

1: *For the Church: that the Church be an instrument of compassion, healing, and mercy, seeking always to bring all peoples to the fullness of life:*
 - (pause) - *God of Compassion, hear us: all: **God of Compassion, hear us.***

2: *For leaders of nations: that they will share the world's food basket:*
 - (pause) - *God of Fairness, hear us: all: **God of Fairness, hear us.***

3: *For those who suffer from long-term debilitating illness: that through the support of friends, family and professional services, they will be able to live fully: - (pause) – God of Solidarity with Sufferers, hear us:*
*all: **God of Solidarity with Sufferers, hear us.***

4: *For Matariki: that we will respect tikanga Māori, so our bicultural relationships will be strengthened and that our sense of appreciation for the natural world will be renewed: - (pause) - God of Creation, hear our prayer:*
*all: **God of Creation, hear us.***

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

*Mangawhai: **Matteo Gray, Petronella Brom, Lorna Bockock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Margaret Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard Henry, Bob Walters, Teresa McCarthy, Tom Ryan,***

*Maungaturoto: **Trevor Brljevich, Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Bob & Julia Bland, Adolph Layec, Rose Plunkett, Tony Plunkett, . .***

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

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

- (pause) - *Healer of the sick, hear us: all: **Healer of the sick, hear us.***

6: *For those who have died: **Rita McCurran, Christine Harvey, Matilda Anthony, Veronica Butler, Patricia Grace, Fred Yelas, Rona Bennett, Frank Doré, Dallas Toye, Donald Graham, Barbara Jenkins, Graham Thomson . . .***
Number them among Your saints: - (pause) - God of the Life-giving, hear us:
*all: **God of the Life-giving, hear us.***

Concluding Prayer:

leader: God of Graciousness, give answer to our prayers in Your great kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord:

*all: **Amen***

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) O God,
by means of sacramental signs
You bring about the work of redemption.
Grant that our worship at this altar
may be worthy of the mysteries we celebrate.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface (*the mystery of salvation*)

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,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Out of compassion for us sinners
he humbled himself to be born of the Virgin.
By suffering on the cross, he freed us from unending death;
by rising from the dead, he gave us eternal life.
And so, with angels and archangels,
with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending 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

presider: 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.***

presider: 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

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) Give us new life, Lord God,
through the divine gift we have offered and received,*

*so that, bound to You in unfailing love,
we may bring forth fruit that remains.
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,
the Source of life;
we are sent in the name of Jesus,
the poor One who gave from his abundance;
we are sent in the name of the Holy Spirit,
the delight of those with faith;
to rejoice and proclaim to our world
that our God is the God of joy and delight;
We ask help to do this through Jesus Christ
until we gather again:*

*all: **Amen***

The Blessing

*presider: The new light of Matariki has risen;
may it be a sign of resurrection and new life;
a sign of hope in times of darkness.
May it be a sign of the mystery of the Lord God who loves us;
may it be a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon us
and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with us.
May this be the cause of our rejoicing.*

*Kia whakapaingia koutou e te Atua kaha rawa,
e te Matua, ✠ e te Tamaiti e te Wairua Tapu /
May the Blessing of Almighty God,
Father ✠ Son and Holy Spirit be with us always.*

*all: **Amene***

*leader: We have gathered as a family of faith,
to remember our dead in a special way,
to celebrate the presence of God in the universe
and among us, as we set our course for the new year.
As we now share a meal (kai) the Eucharist has ended:
Let us, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

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