

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (b) 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## 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 – ABOUT HOSTING PROPHETS

*leader: Today's gospel concludes a section in Mark that highlights God's power for life-giving, or grace, in Jesus. Stories of Jesus calming a storm; healing a woman with a haemorrhage; and raising a synagogue official's daughter, are evidence of the power of God at work in Jesus. The authoritative actions of Jesus, provoke different responses; – from amazement, to open hostility. It raises questions for us about our capacity to host the Word of God. Like people in Jesus' home-town, many of us have grown up familiar with Jesus and his wisdom. In our lives the holy God speaks to us, through the people in whom the Word of God takes human form. Today's readings present several instances of people sent by God:*

*( 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*

*Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord,  
 be with us 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: . . .***

*and/or*

*leader: Today, we recall Jesus entering the synagogue assembly on the Sabbath in his home town. We believe that he is here among us in this assembly today. Let us recall his presence and pray that he may find us a community*

*of faith:*

*O Lord, we are in awe and amazement about Your Word, in the authoritative teachings and actions of Jesus; but we refuse to leave behind our old securities and we refuse to change our ways:*

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

*O human One, you were amazed at the unbelief of your own people. Like them, we think we know who you are – that you can't tell us anything new: - ( pause ) - **Christ, have mercy:***

*Protector of apostles, you work by love and tenderness; in invitations and freedom, rather than crushing us for our human weaknesses; but we abuse our freedom when we think we are strong:*

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

*May the God of Mercy, forgive us our sins and bring us to lasting life:*

*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.*

**Opening Prayer**

*leader: ( Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ... ) God of the prophets, in every age You send the Word of Truth; familiar yet new, a sign of contradiction.*

*Let us not be counted among those who lack faith, but give us the vision to see Christ in our midst and to welcome Your saving Word.*

*We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever:*

*all: **Amen.***

**Introduction to the first reading:** *( Ezekiel 2 : 1 – 5 )*

*leader: In the first reading, Ezekiel, after stating praise and deference to God, asks for God's mercy and explores the need for mercy.*

**Introduction to the second reading:** *( 2 Corinthians 12 : 7 – 10 )*

*leader: In the next reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, he speaks about his experience of rejection. This is only part of his frustration. His attitude towards his afflictions, his own physical and mental sufferings; and the suffering caused by others, sets a standard for all would-be disciples of Jesus.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*all: **Alleluia! Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!***

**Introduction to the gospel reading:** (*Mark 6: 1 – 6*)

*leader: In the past the Israelites had ignored the prophets. In the gospel of Mark, the people of Jesus' home-town – descendants of the ancient Israelites, refuse to accept him (Jesus) as God's prophet. Through our hearing this reading, the offer of God's power for life-giving enters our world – now. Our capacity to believe and respond, is the issue:*

**Homily Notes** (*presider*)

- *God does not force us to accept love. In today's gospel, we hear that Jesus could not perform miracles because people would not believe in him. They were not willing to accept the love God offered them because it came in a form they did not expect. A carpenter? A home-town boy? No wonder 'they found him too much for them.'*
- *They wanted something more dramatic, but they got the local carpenter. The love of God can work miracles. What is hope-giving is that peoples' faith was sufficient to cure one without faith. God was willing to work through their faith to heal us. Perhaps that is why we live our faith in a community called 'Church'. We need each other's faith in order to believe. We support the weak with our faith, and when we are weak, the community will carry us to the Lord. Even when I doubt, I must hold on to that community, even if I think I cannot hold to God. Being with believers puts us at risk of miracles.*
- *The purpose of worship is transformation. Our hearing of Mark's account of Jesus' teaching in his local synagogue, the experience of the people of Nazareth in meeting him – illustrates the dynamic of the Eucharistic liturgy where transformation can take place.*
- *This is not talk about some other meeting somewhere else. This dramatic moment intends that we – who hear the Word of God and experience the Presence of God in the Eucharistic Prayer – should go away changed, perhaps made whole. This meeting intends transformation and a crucial question for us is, "How do we change?"*
- *In the Eucharistic liturgy we are changed by the offer in Jesus, of new images of how our life fits together! Our transformation is the slow steady process of accepting the invitation of Jesus into his story about God, our world, our neighbour and our self! About unlearning a story that we find no longer credible. We yearn not for new doctrines or a new morality, but for a new world, a new self, and a new future!*

**Creed / Statement of Faith**

**Intercessions - 14<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time** [ Sun 7<sup>th</sup> – Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024 ]*invitation to pray:*

*leader: Friends in Christ, we are called to be prophets. We acknowledge that our faith is weak – not with despair – but with confidence in the Father's love. Let us place our needs before God, sure of God's faith in us:*

*1: That with God's grace we may grow to be the prophets that we are called to be, in a world that is desperate to hear the good news of Christ:  
- (pause) - God of the Prophets, hear us:*

*all: **God of the Prophets, hear us.***

*2: For trust in God: in times of difficulty may we remember the Lord's words 'my grace is enough for you.' and rely on his promise:  
- (pause) – God of Trustworthiness, hear us:*

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

*3: For the gift of wisdom: that by reflecting on the Word of God in Scripture, may we be given guidance to live as Children of God:  
- (pause) - God of Wisdom, hear us:*

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

*4: For loved ones who have turned away from God: that with God's grace and our example of faithfulness, may their faith be stirred into flame:  
- (pause) - God of Mercy, hear us:*

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

*5: For the sick: we pray for: . . . (see parish newsletter)  
May they have the comfort of Christ's presence. And in their sufferings, may they make up what is lacking in the Body of Christ – the Church:  
- (pause) - God of Well-being, hear us:*

*all: **God of Well-being, hear us.***

*6: For those who have died: . . . (see parish newsletter)  
and those whose anniversaries occur about now: . . . (see parish newsletter)  
Number them among your saints: - (pause) - God of Life-giving, hear us:*

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

*Concluding Prayer:*

*leader: God of graciousness, give answers to 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***

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

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*presider: ( Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ... ) Lord God,  
let the offering we dedicate to Your name  
cleanse us and reshape us day by day  
with the new life of Your kingdom.  
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,  
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:*

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

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – II****Memorial Acclamation**

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

**Introduction to the Lord's Prayer**

*either*

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

*or*

*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: ... ) In this Eucharist, O Lord,  
You have filled us with every blessing.  
Grant that we may hold fast to Your saving gifts  
and never cease to sing Your praise.  
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,  
whose prophet Ezekiel, invites us to return home;  
in the name of Jesus, the prophetic Word,  
who brings about the Father's reigning;  
in the name of the holy Spirit,  
Strength in our weakness;  
to host with awe, respect and patience,  
God's presence with 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: /  
May the blessing of Almighty God, ✠  
the Father, Son and Holy spirit be with us always:*

*all: **Amene***

*leader: The Mass has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*

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