

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (b) 14<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 – CALLED TO BE BEARERS OF ‘GOOD NEWS’

*leader: Earlier in his gospel Mark tells us that Jesus established the Twelve, "to be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the message".  
 Now this is becoming a reality.  
 Jesus has not been well received in his home-town so he starts to instruct in the neighbouring villages.  
 He seeks to complete his mission by sending disciples to announce the good news elsewhere;  
 which is where we come in!  
 Each of us has been sent out by the Christ to proclaim good news, announce forgiveness and to build the kingdom of peace.  
 This is our calling as disciples of Jesus.  
 Thinking and celebrating our individual calling is something we are going to do today:*

*( 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:  
 either*

*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: **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: Jesus' instructions in today's gospel reveal his values and priorities.  
 The spirit of these instructions continues to be essential for us:*

*In the spirit of Jesus, we're to depend on the hospitality of those with whom we come into contact. But we seek sustenance and security on our own terms. We fail to announce any message of the 'good news' of*

*God's realm: - (pause) - **Lord, have mercy:***

*In the spirit of Jesus, we are to stay where we are welcomed and work there, to build up the community there. But we take advantage of the generosity of others and move quickly on before our unworthy motives are found out: - (pause) - **Christ, have mercy:***

*In the spirit of Jesus, we are forbidden to retaliate when our message is rejected. But we want to impose our views by force:*

*- (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.*

**Opening Prayer**

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) God of Justice, God of Salvation, from every land You call a people to Yourself.*

*Yours is the work we do, Yours the message we carry.*

*Keep Your Church single-minded and faithful to You.*

*Let failure not discourage us*

*nor success beguile our hearts,*

*as You send us to proclaim the gospel.*

*We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

*all: **Amen.***

**Introduction to the first reading:** *(Amos 7: 12 – 15)*

*leader: The climax of Amos' preaching comes in this confrontation with Amaziah. Amaziah supports the royal theology of King Jeroboam, but Amos doesn't want the ruler, or the priests, to abdicate their proper roles. Amos wants them to be hoppers.*

**Introduction to the second reading:** *(Ephesians 1: 3 – 14)*

*leader: Paul describes the unity of all people and things with God, made possible by Jesus. This is the motive for a disciples' practise. In an outburst of praise, Paul introduces 'the Father' as responsible for all spiritual blessings. He adds that God's people will possess 'the holy Spirit' as guarantor of everything promised.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

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

***May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart***

***that we might see how great***

***is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!***

**Introduction to the gospel reading:** (*Mark 6: 7 – 13*)

*leader: The preparation for the mission of the Twelve is seen in the call of the first disciples to be 'fishers of people'. The Twelve are set apart to be with Jesus. And they receive authority to preach and expel demons.*

**Homily Notes** (*presider*)

- *The prophet Amos confronts Amaziah, the priest of the schismatic sanctuary at Bethel in the northern kingdom called, 'Israel'. He was the uncritical chaplain to the royal court. Amos provides an alternative view. God's reigning makes all human institutions provisional – they are subject to God's judgement*
- *In the second reading, Paul's letter describes the planned unity of all people and things with God made possible by Jesus. This is the motive for the practice of would-be disciples.*
- *Rejection by his own people narrowed the potential audience that would hear Jesus' message about God's realm. Mark describes Jesus' strategy to overcome this narrowing. From this point onward, the mission extends outwards, beyond Galilee and begins to include non-Israelites.*
- *Our liturgical enactment of the telling of the good news of God's triumph over the power-for-death, in the Word and Eucharist, are part of the long line of many re-tellings of the story of God's life in the world. They are tellings for our time and place, against the many competing and conflicting powers-that-be.*
- *The struggle could go either way because the resilient power-for-death relentlessly seeks God's defeat. There has not yet been complete defeat of the resilient power-for-evil. There have been only battles along the way from which we take heart. In our experience, another 'telling' is always required. Without this 'telling'; we, our neighbourhood, our community and our world; are dead! The gospel of Mark is optimistic. It reports how the Word of God was spread at the cost of disengagement with the old world's power-that-be.*

**Creed / Statement of Faith**

**Intercessions - 15<sup>th</sup> Week Ordinary Time** [ Sun 14<sup>th</sup> – Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 ]*invitation to pray:*

*leader: Friends in Christ, we are called to announce the good news and heal; we pray for ourselves, the people we meet, the universal church, and all the human family:*

*1: For our community gathered here at this Eucharist. May each of us grow in awareness of our unique calling within the People of God:*

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

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

*2: For growth of discipleship: we pray for grace to leave the comfort of this place taking with us forgiveness, repentance and the will to spread the Good News of Christ's saving presence:*

*- (pause) - Support of Missionaries, hear us:*

*all: **Support of Missionaries, hear us.***

*3: For a spirit of hospitality: that God's generosity to us may be shared with others – the stranger, our own community and those in need:*

*- (pause) – God of Generosity, hear us:*

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

*4: For those who reject the good news. May we respect their freedom by not trying to force them to believe: - (pause) - God of true Freedom, hear us:*

*all: **God of true Freedom, hear us.***

*5: For the sick: we pray for: . . . (see parish newsletter)*

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

*- ( 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 New Life, hear us:*

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

*Concluding Prayer:*

*leader: God of graciousness, Your Spirit empowers us to be the body of Your Son. As his people we call on You; hear our prayers and help us to follow our calling in Christ:*

*all: **Amen***

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

**Prayer over the Gifts**

*presider: ( Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ... ) Lord,  
look kindly on the gifts of Your Church gathered in prayer,  
and grant to the faithful who will receive them  
an increase in holiness and grace.  
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  
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**

*either*

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

*or*

*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: ... ) Nourished by these holy gifts,  
we pray to You, Lord,  
that each time we celebrate this mystery  
Your work of salvation may grow within us.  
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,  
Powerful and ever-loving One;  
we are sent in the name of Jesus,  
Proclaimer of the realm of God;  
  
we are sent in the name of the holy Spirit,  
Healer of our brokenness;  
to respond to the call to take the good news  
into every area of our lives.  
We are in no doubt that we must travel lightly.  
May we be imaginative in our proclamation;  
impatient with injustice and unselfish in our support of others.  
O God, may Your love be with us;  
for Yours is the 'kingdom' the power and the glory,  
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 God, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with us now and always:*

*all: **Amene***

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

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