

18th Sunday Ordinary Time (b) 4th August 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 – THE TRUE BREAD OF LIFE

*leader: We gather in the midst of a society
 where the culture of death seems to hold sway.
 Over and against this culture of death
 is the Israelite tradition of hope.
 It is the hope that there will be
 a decisive and radical re-ordering of power and goods
 in life-giving ways!
 There will be enough for all; no one will have too much;
 and all will live together in harmony.
 God's interventions in the past
 have always upset the status quo,
 especially when it claims too much
 and fails to deliver what it promises.
 Our tradition of hope is based on the 'good news'
 about a profound challenge
 to the present dominant order.*

(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:*

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: . . .***

and / or

*leader: We gather to prepare to host the Word of God in our worship.
 It is a moment to treat with awe respect and patience.
 Like those followed Jesus to Capernaum and listened to his wisdom,
 we stand on the threshold of God's new world, where our transformation*

is possible:

Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:

*all: **Lord, have mercy:***

leader: Lord Jesus, anyone who goes to you will never be hungry:

- (pause) - Christ, have mercy:

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

leader: Lord Jesus, anyone who believes in you will never thirst:

- (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*

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: ...) Lord, giver of lasting life, satisfy our hunger through Christ, the bread of life, and quench our thirst with Your gift of belief, that we may no longer work for food that perishes, but believe in the One whom You have sent. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: *(Exodus 2 : 2 – 4, 12 – 15)*

leader: The story of the Lord God's feeding the Israelites in the wilderness shows the Lord is zealous for the well-being of people. A compassionate God continues to intervene in Israelite life. The same Lord, who promised to be with Moses and the people at the burning bush; who demonstrated that powerful presence at Passover; and at the crossing of the Sea, now promises Moses to send bread for them, "from heaven".

Introduction to the second reading: *(Ephesians 4 : 17, 20 – 24)*

leader: According to Paul, belief in reconciliation through Christ, demands not only acceptance in mind and heart, but also actions that are appropriate to such faith. Non-Israelites (gentiles) who would not accept Christ are a negative example of faith.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Introduction to the gospel reading: (*John 6: 24–35*)

leader: The bread that cannot last is bread we seek selfishly. The bread that gives life, is the bread we seek unselfishly; that is, as a community. That bread produces lasting life, because it produces the realm of GOD. The true food Jesus was bringing was union among people in the actions of sharing.

Homily Notes (*presider*)

- *Jesus suggests a new way of working for God: believing in himself - that is - recognising he is sent by God. Confronted by the Messianic claim the people ask for a more striking sign than the miracle of the loaves. Jesus insists to those listening, that he is the bread come down from heaven: those who come to him will live!*
- *Jesus says, "No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry; no one who comes to me shall ever thirst again." Well, we gather to share the Eucharist. But when I leave the celebration, I want a bite to eat. Feasting on Word and Sacrament does not lessen my need for ordinary food and drink. Has Jesus lied to us?*
- *An obvious answer is that the Lord was not talking about physical hunger. He is speaking of spiritual hungers, and he is the answer to them. But my spiritual hungers remain. I know I am not alone. Many, maybe all, Christians, feel a famine of the spirit. We are hungry, and probably will remain so throughout life. In fact, it seems that the more we grow as Christians, the more hungry we get.*
- *Like the hungry in Elisha's time, or the crowd who persistently pursued Jesus, or the early Christian communities at Ephesus, we stand somewhere between our old unexamined world and the new world of God's prophetic Word. At the moment of Eucharistic worship, the offer of God's prophetic Word can subvert our old world in the way that true discernment undermines mistaken assumptions.*
- *For all its distortions, the community of Jesus' disciples, hosts God's power-for-life-giving. This hosting; with patience, awe and respect, can make belief possible. Our world, our neighbourhood, our society and our selves – can be reshaped! Neighbour-love can be expressed in a new economic order, with new forms of co-operation between people.*
- *Like Jesus, we face society's rejection of this message of a hopeful alternative world. Jesus showed the integrity of his convictions by following through on the demands of God's power for life-giving. We would act contrary to Jesus' integrity, by over-conforming to the dominant individualism of our culture, by desiring social success and popular recognition at the expense of God's reigning in our lives!*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions – 18th Week Ordinary Time [Sun 4th – Sat 10th August]*invitation to pray:*

leader: Friends in Christ, we have shared the bread of God's Word, which sustains our minds and hearts. Before we offer thanks for the bread of Christ's Body, we join in prayer for our world:

1: For those of us who are looking for bread in the wrong places. May the life-giving Word in the Scriptures, and the action of sharing the Eucharist, satisfy our on-going search: - (pause) - True Bread of Life, hear us:

*all: **True Bread of Life, hear us.***

2: For a deeper understanding that Jesus is the Bread from heaven: - (pause) – Bread from Heaven, hear us:

*all: **Bread from Heaven, hear us.***

3: For those who contribute to the needy in our community, through their support of the local Food Banks: - (pause) - Bread of Generosity, hear us:

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

4: For us who worship here. May we share in God's strategy to transform our world through our love for others: - (pause) – Bread of Love, hear us:

*all: **Bread of Love, hear us.***

*5: Into your hands, O Lord, we entrust our sick: . . (see parish newsletter)
May they have the comfort of Christ's presence to relieve their distress, remove fear and give them peace and restore them, so they can offer you joyful thanks in the midst of Your Church: - (pause) - Food of Life, hear us:*

*all: **Food of Life, hear us.***

*6: For our dead.: . . . (see parish newsletter)
And those whose anniversaries occur about now: . . . (see parish newsletter)
May they be welcomed into the community of saints and share in the joy of heaven: : - (pause) - Bread of Angels, hear us:*

*all: **Bread of Angels, hear us.***

Concluding Prayer:

*leader: God of graciousness, give answers to our prayers in Your great kindness.
We ask this through Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen***

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

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) O Lord,
sanctify these gifts;
receive them as an offering in spirit and in truth
and make of us an everlasting gift to You.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface (*The pledge of an eternal Easter*)

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.
In You we live and move and have our being.
Each day we experience the wonders of Your love,
and receive even now a pledge and foretaste of life eternal.
Possessing the firstfruits of the Spirit,
through whom You raised Jesus from the dead,
we hope to enjoy his paschal victory for ever.
And so, with all the angels and saints,
we sing the joyful hymn of Your 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: Let us pray for the coming of God's realm as Jesus taught us.

or

*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.***

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: ...) Lord,
surround with Your constant protection
the people You renew by this Eucharist,
and in Your never-failing care for us
make us worthy of eternal redemption.
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, Creator;
we are sent in the name of Jesus, Redeemer;
we are sent in the name of the holy Spirit, Giver of life and truth;
to transform our world in the pattern
revealed in God's prophetic Word and in the Eucharist,
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.

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

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