

24th Sunday Ordinary Time (b) 15th September 2024

the Season of Creation continues

Introduction

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

Theme – More about Hearing the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of Creation

*leader: Today is the 3rd Sunday of the Season of Creation.
The season is a time of prayer and action
celebrating God as Creator; God’s revelation in Creation
and our calling to care for Creation.
We are invited to protect Creation’s rich diversity
and to address the destructive crises
threatening its health and future – including our own.
The Scriptures urge us not to lose hope
in the face of the urgent and complex crisis facing us.
They remind us to trust in God,
Who is faithful and is even now working to save us.
They challenge us to confront the false values
of wealth and consumption and to pray for Christ
to open our eyes, our ears, our hearts.
(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:
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: We begin our celebration
by becoming aware of the Earth,
our common home and home to the other living things...
Earth is suffering from over-consumption, devastation
and warming temperatures...*

*all: **I confess: . . .**
and/or*

*leader: Creator God, in the face of fires, floods, droughts, violent storms and
climate changes; in the face of the urgency of the needs, and the
slowness of our response, we often lose hope: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:
all: **Lord, have mercy:***

leader: Christ Jesus, You call for compassion and insist that we must be ready to take up our crosses in Your spirit of love and healing forgiveness:

- (pause) - Christ, have mercy:

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

leader: Holy Spirit of God, You call us to action, to be the voice of the voiceless suffering among us on Earth, our Common Home:

- (pause) - Lord, have mercy:

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

*leader: May God, the Creator of all time and space,
Who through the death of a star brought
forth the vast Web of Life in which we live,
have mercy on us, free us from our sins
and guide us into the fullness of divine Life:*

*all: **Amen***

GLORIA *invitation*

*leader: In conscious awe, we join our voices with all the stars and planets,
all the inanimate and living inhabitants of our galaxy
and of all Creation, to praise and glorify God, in joyful song: . . .*

Opening Prayer

*leader: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) Loving Creator,
You have been faithfully preparing Earth
to be the nurturing home for all that dwell on it and in it.
We ask You to deepen our hope in Your faithful love;
Your power to save us;
and Your action in us, among us, and through us.
Send the healing power of Christ
to open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts.
We ask this in Jesus' name:*

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: *(Isaiah 50 : 5 – 9)*

*leader: Today's first reading is taken from the 3rd Servant Song.
The verse immediately before today's passage begins:
'the Servant of God declares, "God has given me a well-trained tongue,
that I might know how to speak to the weary, a word that will rouse
them'." And the Servant continues, "Morning after morning the Lord God
opens my ear that I may hear."*

Introduction to the second reading: *(James 2 : 14 – 18)*

*leader: In the second reading James insists that faith that is not put into action is
worthless; that faith without works is dead. Thus we whose ears have
been opened to God's Word in the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of Earth
must use our "well-trained tongues" to speak out the prophetic Word we
have received.*

Gospel Acclamation:

all: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
My only glory is the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Introduction to the gospel reading: (Mark 8 : 27 – 35)

leader: Peter sees rightly that Jesus is the 'Messiah' – the Christ! But this title is ambiguous – as Jesus knows – so he tells them that for himself, the way to glory is by suffering and death. And not for himself only. His disciples will have to follow the same pathway.

Homily Notes (presider)

- *In the first reading the Prophet Isaiah picks up one of the key themes from last week: God's presence and work among us is recognised in the opening of eyes and ears; the loosening of tongues that proclaim God's prophetic Word.*
- *The human community has been growing in consciousness of the increasingly destructive threats from Earth's changing climate. The inadequacy of national responses is now widely recognised. More serious commitments to transformative change are urgent, if we hope to avoid catastrophic environmental tipping points.*
- *In the second reading, James insists that faith that is not put into action is worthless. Faith without works is dead. In other words, in the context of our current planetary crises, we whose ears have been opened to God's Word in the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of Earth must use our "well-trained tongues" to speak out the prophetic Word we have received. And take up the opportunities God provides us each to forward the healing and saving of Earth and all its communities.*
- *Jesus begins teaching his disciples that he too must suffer, be rejected and be killed. He rejects Peter's insistence that God would not let that happen to the Messiah. Jesus knew that he was preaching God's prophetic Truth in a divided and hostile society. His Word threatened the control and social status of those in positions of religious and political power.*
- *Like the Servant of God in Isaiah, Jesus affirms a strong faith that God will be present with help and vindication. Jesus insists that he will rise again. People are deeply divided. Disinformation and denial are rampant, especially in wealthy nations, to protect individual and group interests and to resist the global transformations essential to the survival and common good of the planet and all creatures who make their home on it and within it.*
- *The liturgy of the Word offers us sufficient material that is relevant to our lives as disciples of Jesus. In the moment of worship the transformation that we are able to receive is a slow work of letting the Word touch the operations of our existing world.*
- *The Word of God subverts our existing world because it butts up against all our unexamined assumptions and settled instincts that are*

often rooted in the dominant ideology of our society. The liturgical texts undermine in the way true discernment always subverts mistaken assumptions about power, goods and access.

- *We stand between our old world and the new world voiced in the texts and the Eucharistic Prayer. We stand on the threshold where serious change is possible. God's Spirit may bring transformation. Within our desperate, fearful society, there are few enough occasions to host this ambiguity where God's newness is offered and given!*
- *The moment of sacramental worship - the showing of visible signs of the invisible reality of the reigning of God, is the main occasion for such a subversive experience. We host a moment within the ordinary round of our lives, and hear once again the Prayer of Jesus. No wonder that in our weariness and in our confidence - partly out of habit and partly in hope - we respond; "Thanks be to God!"*

Prayer for Earth

all: All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of Your creatures. You embrace with Your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of Your Love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of Earth, so precious in Your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards Your infinite light. We thank You for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

Intercessions - 24th Week Ordinary Time [Sun 15th – Sat 21st September 2024]*invitation to pray:*

leader: *Let us pray with confidence to God-with-us, for the needs of the human family and for the needs of our common home:*

1: *For a deepening trust in the faithful presence and loving work of God in us, among us, and through us, to respond to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor: - (pause) - God of Creation, hear us:*

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

2: *For Christians in the world. Awaken our faith and may we be alive with a willingness to help those who hunger for bread and joy: - (pause) - God of Unity, hear us:*

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

3: *For those who suffer persecution, like the Servant of God; tortured in their hearts or in their bodies. May You, O God, be their defence: - (pause) - God of the Prophets, hear us:*

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

4: *That we may hear and respond in faith and in hope to the Cry of the Poor among us and around the planet: - (pause) - God of Hope, hear us:*

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

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

Mangawhai: **Matteo Gray, Petronella Brom, Tina & Sharvita MeHarry, Lorna Bocock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard Henry, Bob Walters, Colleen Griffith, Teresa McCarthy, Tom Ryan, Kathy Brokliss (Hokianga), Lee McCarthy, Emelia Brockliss, (Mexico), Jayden Wilson, Eric Caulton,**

Maungaturoto: **Trevor Brljevich, Tony Ruiterman, Bill Lewis, Beverly Simons, Adolph Layec,**

Wellsford: **Dallas Colville, Alec Colville, Lucille Jenneker, Wilma Jansen, Gerard McCurran, Iris Barrow, Lagi Sands, Tim Emberson, Theresa Graham, Caroline Milner,**

Restore their health, that they may offer You joyful thanks in the midst of Your Church: - (pause) - God of Well-being, hear us:

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

6: *For those who have died: Kingi Tuheitia, Bishop Denis Browne, And those whose anniversaries occur about now: Mary Partington, Delpie Browne, Victor Pereira, Number them among Your saints: - (pause) - God of New Life, hear us:*

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

Concluding Prayer:

leader: *May we speak God's Truth to each other and call each other into ways of living on the Earth sustainably, and reverently. We ask this through Christ, the Way the Truth and the Life:*

all: **Amen**

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

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) Loving Creator God,
from the explosive death of a star
You planted the seeds of life on Earth.
Through vast periods of time, You have prepared
and given us these gifts of bread and wine
and so much more to share.
We offer them in gratitude as simple signs
of Your faithful care for all our needs.
Receive and transform our gifts and our energies
into Your true Bread of Life for our world.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface *(about creation)*

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: Holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
all things are of Your making,
all times and seasons obey Your law.
But You fashioned the human family in Your own image
and set us over the world in all its wonder,
that we might be stewards of Your creation,
praising You day by day
for the marvels of Your might and wisdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And so, with all the angels and saints,
and with the whole of Creation
we sing the joyful hymn of Your praise:*

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – IV

Memorial Acclamation

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

Introduction to the Lord's Prayer

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

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: ...) Gracious, Loving God,
we have shared this Eucharist in thanksgiving
for Your sacred Creation in which we share
and where we find our Common Home.
Now may the power of Christ's body and blood
reach deep into our hearts, our minds, and our bodies.
Heal our wounds, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts,
and renew all Earth's communities.
We make our prayer in Jesus' name:*

*all: **Amen.***

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

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent; blessed with the great gift of Creation
and with God's patience and forgiveness for our failures
to care for it wisely and lovingly.
May our Creator God bless us all with a deep gratitude
for the beauty and richness of Creation: all: **Amen***

*leader: We are sent in the name of Christ Jesus,
Who blesses us with the courage to speak
the prophetic Word entrusted to us: all: **Amen***

*leader: We are sent in the name of the Holy Spirit
Whose Wisdom blesses us
with patient understanding and forgiveness
with each other 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, let us go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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