

29th Sunday Ordinary Time (b)

World Mission Sunday

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 – **MISSION SUNDAY**

*leader: Today’s special collection is the major fundraiser
for the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.
Pope Francis has called us all, to be a part of mission.
He reminds us that mission revitalises faith
and that all Christians are called to be missionaries.
Following Jesus means starting out on The WAY.
By using this expression the evangelist Mark
reveals his understanding of discipleship.
Mark is aware of the complexities of following Jesus.
He doesn't hold back about the deficiencies of faith
among the first disciples but in the Gospel
he takes the opportunity to clarify for us,
Jesus' proposal to his followers: that they must be prepared
to surrender their own interests to the interests of others.
In other words: our mission is not to seek our own glory:

(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 are prone to accepting society's standards about the qualities of
leadership that are required to get ahead: Disciples like us believe we can
"Lord it over others": - (pause) - Lord, have mercy: all: **Lord, have mercy:***

leader: *Disciples like us, because we have responsibilities in the church, believe others owe us their service: - (pause) - Christ, have mercy:*

all: **Christ, have mercy.**

leader: *Disciples like us, mixing with the influential in society, are tempted to pursue our personal glory: - (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 God's Realm:*

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: ...) Most glorious God, in Jesus You show us that Your will is to save. Grant to us Your people the boldness to desire a place in Your realm, the courage to drink the cup of suffering, and the grace to find in service, the glory You promise. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

all: **Amen.**

Introduction to the first reading: *(Isaiah 53 : 10 – 11)*

leader: *Isaiah had earlier described Cyrus I (a Persian king) as God's liberating agent against the Babylonians. The elder Cyrus once lectured a delegation of his fellow Persians about the fate of a government that gets too fat and powerful. The Persians had to admit that this was true and chose to live in a rugged land and be free, rather than cultivate rich plains and be slaves. Cyrus II wasn't so wise and treats the Israelites (God's servants) with contempt.*

Introduction to the second reading: *(Hebrews 4 : 14 – 16)*

leader: *The centre of the evangelical message begins with Jesus himself, who having become one of us, comes not to be served, but to serve.*

Gospel Acclamation:

all: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Son of man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Introduction to the gospel reading: *(Mark 10 : 35 – 45)*

leader: *Jesus contrasts leadership among the Gentiles with the kind that he envisions. There is a development in Jesus' teaching about discipleship; greatness is said to consist in serving the rest. But the height of great*

leadership is reserved for the one who serves the needs of all!

Homily Notes (presider)

- *Let us begin with what Mission Sunday is not about. There is in today's gospel the example of James and John. They were fishermen who left their father, their boats and their nets, to follow Jesus. But in spite of the fact that they had watched what Jesus did and heard what he taught, they asked for special treatment as his disciples. The other apostles were indignant. Their indignation, however, is not because James and John have asked for high places, but because the others wanted those places for themselves!*
- *In Mark's gospel, those with a special role in the community, the Twelve, are a prime example of people seeking a special place. The temptation to status is not limited to one group in the Church. No one is exempt. Each of us is tempted to want recognition for what we do, say, or think. It is natural.*
- *Sometimes, being a Christian means going against doing what comes naturally. The whole world does what comes naturally, and that is why it needs salvation. Jesus requires that his followers live the reverse of what the world deems natural; that we be signs of that salvation.*
- *Jesus tells the disciples that we must be slaves. We should be concerned with service rather than an egotistical pursuit of status, position or recognition. Jesus himself is the prime example of this. He experienced our weakness and temptation. The difference is that he did not yield to them. He remained a servant to all.*
- *This Sunday the focus of the liturgy is on our mission in the world and the gospel reminds us that Jesus' Way is the way of the Cross. His followers can expect only that, as reward for their faithfulness to him.*
- *When Jesus took bread and wine at the final supper with the disciples and said, "Go on doing this in memory of Me", it was so we would repeat this service for the cause of the poor – that's giving life! "This is My Body" was the same as saying "this is My Life" and it was the same with the Blood. Jesus adds, "My Blood shed" – that is what Jesus wanted us to repeat – not a ritual!*
- *A key question asked of the participants in the current Synod of Bishops in Rome is, "How to be a synodal church in mission?" This central question breaks down into a number of more focused questions:*

- * how to engage in deep listening and dialogue;*
- * how to be co-responsible in the light of the dynamism of our personal and communal baptismal calling;*
- * how to transform structures and processes so that all may participate and share the charisms that the Spirit pours out on each, for the common good;*
- * and how to exercise power and authority as service.*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions – 29th Week Ordinary Time [Sun 20th – Sat 26th October 2024]*invitation to pray:*

- leader: Friends in Christ, before we offer thanks for the bread of Christ's Body, we join in prayer for the needs of the human family:*
- 1: *For those who occupy leading places in the Christian community. Root out of our hearts the pride of power & place within us a desire to serve You through serving all our sisters & brothers: - (pause) - God of Service, hear us:*
- all: **God of Service, hear us.***
- 2: *For those crushed by suffering of body, mind & heart. Jesus, the Suffering Servant, foretold by the prophets, shows that suffering has meaning. May our suffering ones make up what is lacking in Jesus' Passion, for the sake of the body of Christ – the church: - (pause) – God of Good Hope, hear us:*
- all: **God of Good Hope, hear us.***
- 3: *For ourselves; Your servants, whom Your love gathers here. In the Spirit – You are first, but in Christ, You made Yourself our servant! Forgive us, when we put ourselves first and expect others to serve us. Accept us as servants of Your 'Good News': - (pause) - God of Mercy, hear us:*
- all: **God of Mercy, hear us.***
- 4: *For those who serve the Church in the missions. That they will be guided by the needs of those they have come to serve:*
- (pause) - God of Invitation, hear us:*
- all: **God of Invitation, hear us.***
- 5: *For those sharing Christ's passion through illness and suffering, including:*
- Mangawhai: **Matteo Gray, Petronella Brom, Tina & Sharvita MeHarry, Lorna Boccock, Geraldine Choromanski, Judy Perry, Veronica Grigg, Maureen Rissman, Roselle & Owen McGrane, Richard & Anne Henry, Bob Walters, Colleen Griffith, Theresa McCarthy, Kathy Brokliss (Hokianga), Emelia Brockliss, (Mexico), Eric Burson,***
- 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, Justin Sands,***
- 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: in **Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, the Ukraine and Russia,** And for the death anniversaries of: **Elizabeth Reddy, Deborah Oldfield, Margaret Bonner, Pauline Toye, . . .** Number them among Your saints:*
- (pause) - God of New Life, hear us:*
- all: **God of New Life, hear us.***
- Concluding Prayer:*
- leader: O God, our refuge and our strength and Source of all goodness, the power of Your love fills the Earth. May Your love fill our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ:*
- all: **Amen***

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

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) Lord God,
grant us the gift of serving at Your altar
with free and generous hearts,
that Your grace may cleanse us from sin
through these very mysteries
by which we offer You true worship.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the 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,
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: ...) Foster Your life within us, Lord,
by the celebration of the heavenly mysteries:
bless us with Your help from day to day
and so prepare our hearts for the world to come.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord:*

*all: **Amen.***

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

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent; in the name of God,
Who gave us Jesus Christ;
we are sent in the name of Jesus,
who experienced testing as we do;
we are sent in the name of the holy Spirit,
who keeps the prophet-in-us alive today;
to serve the poor and the powerless.
We ask through Jesus Christ, 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.***

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