

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time (b)

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 – DISCERN BEYOND APPEARANCES!

*leader: Jesus denounces the religious leaders' taste for show.
The few possessions of the poor tend to be "devoured" by such ones.
They ought to be the poor's spiritual guides. Yet these powerful ones
recite long prayers, "for the sake of appearances."
Jesus says that such frauds will be judged all the more severely,
because they used their privileged position (which exist only to serve)
so that they can obtain places of prestige and be surrounded by honours:
(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 Jesus Christ, whose table we share, be with us:
or
Good evening/morning and God be with us:
or
Grace, mercy and peace from God and Christ Jesus, be with us:
or
Citizens with the saints and members of God's household, grace and
peace 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: O God, You give bread to the hungry,
but we forget to share the bread of Love: - (pause) - Lord, have mercy:
all: **Lord, have mercy:**
leader: O Jesus, you welcomed the stranger,
But we forget to welcome them: - (pause) - Christ, have mercy:
all: **Christ, have mercy:**
leader: O Lord You sustain the widow and the orphan,
but we don't regard them as equals: - (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: ...) God, our provider,

You are the orphan's hope

and the widow's bread.

Strengthen our faith,

that with simplicity of heart

we may come to trust in You alone

and hold back nothing in serving You.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, Your Son:

*all: **Amen.***

Introduction to the first reading: *(1 Kings 17: 10 – 16)*

leader: A widow of Zarephath does with the prophet Elijah what a widow observed by Jesus in today's gospel account will do: She gives out of her need – 'out of all she had to live on'.

Introduction to the second reading: *(Hebrews 9: 24 – 28)*

leader: The reading continues a reflection on the high-priestly work of Jesus Christ, contrasting his work with that of the Levitical priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the realm of Heaven. Alleluia!

Introduction to the gospel reading: *(Mark 12: 38 – 44)*

leader: Jesus had earlier told a parable of murderous tenants of a vineyard (cf Mk. 12:1-12). The vineyard is a symbol of the Hebrew nation, whose centre is the temple. The vineyard has been taken over by tenants who no longer recognize the owner(God) or the owner's envoys (the Prophets). The temple has been turned from a house of prayer into a means of commercial benefit for the powerful.

Homily Notes *(presider)*

- *The Jewish day begins at sundown, a custom the Church follows to some extent. For example, Sunday and major feasts start the evening before. This is the reason Catholics celebrate Sunday Mass on Saturday evening. In fact, there is no Saturday evening prayer or night prayer. Instead, we pray the first of two sets of Sunday evening and night prayers.*

- *The reading in the first of those night prayers begins: "hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might."*
- *Soi, the first day of our week begins with "the first of all the commandments." It is not only that; it is the basic Israelite declaration of faith. Just as Christians can sum up their faith in the phrase "Jesus Christ is Lord," Israelites use these to declare what they believe. So, it was natural that Jesus would cite them as the prime commandment.*
- *From childhood he had recited them daily. After all, he was an Israelite. That should be obvious to his followers. And yet, at many times throughout history followers of an Israelite named Jesus have attacked his people. And our failures are not limited to the way we have treated the Israelites. We haven't treated each other any better. In fact, looking at the way I treat people around me would not be a good advertisement for Christianity. What has gone wrong in our lives?*
- *The way to find out where I have gone wrong is to look at the commandments. And if I want to find the most basic wrong in my life, I should look to the most basic commandment. The problem with the first commandment is that little word "all". I'm willing to love God in a half-hearted way. Church on Sunday and occasional prayers are fine. But, loving God with all my heart, all my soul, all my mind and all my strength? That doesn't leave much for me.*
- *When I carry a grudge, it is with me all the time. Someone in love carries thoughts of the beloved around all the time. But what about my thoughts of God? The commandment says "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart."*
- *The fact is, I can go for days without giving God a single thought. Oh, I might think from time to time about religious duties and such. But of God? Even when I am in Church, I seldom think of God.*
- *Since I seldom think of God, I don't keep the first commandment . Because I don't keep the first commandment, I fall short in keeping the second. Being a Christian is not about behaving towards others in a certain way. It is about having a special kind of relationship with God. All else follows from that.*
- *How can I grow in that relationship? One way is to do what I do to build any relationship. Talk. Carry on a conversation with God. I shouldn't bother calling it "prayer". That makes it seem too like a task or too exalted. Just talk. I should do it all day long, or at least when I remember to. I should say anything, even if it's just, "God, I'm going to feed the cat now."*
- *Such an on-going conversation with God could gradually lead me to keeping love of God in my heart, soul, mind and strength. Then, I would be able to love my neighbour as God does.*

Creed / Statement of Faith

Intercessions – 32nd Week Ordinary Time [Sun 10th – Sat 16th Mm. 2024]*invitation to pray:**leader: Friends, let us pray to God who is near to us in our every need:*

1: *For the leaders of the Church, that they proclaim God's greatness in their service of God's people: - (pause) - God of Generosity, hear us:*

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

2: *For leaders of governments, that they reflect God's greatness in their work for peace & justice: - (pause) - God of Wisdom, hear us:*

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

3: *For those who suffer from poverty and vulnerability, that they may know God's greatness, in our words and deeds of compassion: - (pause) – Up-holder of the Orphan and Widow, hear us:*

*all: **Up-holder of the Orphan and Widow, hear us.***

4: *For those who worship here, that we share in God's greatness, in our love for others: - (pause) - Who loved us first, hear us:*

*all: **Who loved us first, 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, Stuart Brown, Val Rusher,***

*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 Healing, hear us:

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

6: *For those who have died: in **Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, the Ukraine and Russia,** And for the recent death of **Maria Pereira, . . .** And for the anniversaries of **Joan Francis, James Lambert, Manus Benner,** Number them among Your saints: - (pause) - God of New Life, hear us:*

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

leader: Gracious One, teach us Your ways of loving so that in all we do and say we will bless Your holy name. We ask through Christ Jesus:

*all: **Amen***

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

Prayer over the Gifts

*presider: (Kia inoi tatou / Let us pray: ...) O God,
look with favour on the sacrifice we offer,
that the passion of Your Son,
which we celebrate in these mysteries,
may become the pattern of our lives.
We ask this in the name of Jesus:*

*all: **Amen***

Preface *(the Day of the Lord)*

*presider: **God** be with you.*

*all: **And also with you.***

presider: Lift up your hearts.

*all: **We lift them up to God.***

presider: Let us give thanks to 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,
almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen upon us today
and scattered the darkness of death
with light and life that will not fade.
This day the risen Jesus assembles us,
unfolds for us Your Word,
and breaks for us the bread of life.
And though the night will bring this Sunday to a close,
You call us to live in endless light,
the never-ending Day of the Lord.
And so, with the choirs of angels,
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.

or

*God has forgiven us, let us forgive our neighbour from the heart
as we say:*

*all: **Our Father, . . .***

*presider: Deliver us, O God, 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: 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 God 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: 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: **O God, 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: ...) Strengthened by this holy food, O Lord, we give You thanks and seek Your mercy, that, through the outpouring of Your Spirit, those who have been touched by the power of this sacrament may continue to live in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus:

*all: **Amen.***

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

Dismissal

*leader: We are sent;
in the name of the ever-present and holy God,
who feeds us the Word, Jesus.
We are sent to be drawn out of ourselves
so that we may enter more deeply into God's life.
We are sent to faithfully respond
with courage to the life
that Jesus invites us to share.
We ask this through him,
whose 'yes' is ever with us by his Spirit
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 our God.

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