



# Liturgy of the Word for Individuals, Families & Communities

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time *Matariki Weekend, Peter's Pence Collection*

*Prepare a prayer focus and light a candle.*

**SIGN OF THE CROSS: Ki te ingoa...**

**READER:** Kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou -- The Lord be with you

**ALL:** Ki tōu wairua anō hoki -- And also with you

**READER:**

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – welcome everyone. 'God is looking for you, even if you are not seeking God. God loves you, even if you forget God. God sees beauty in you, even if you think you have squandered all your talents in vain.' These words from Pope Francis remind us today, that we are a loved people; God's love for us is without limit. Let's remember this as we sing.

**I Will Never Forget you my People – Isaiah 49**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5dg1wAzs9k>

**READER:** Jesus, you call us and invite us to participate with you in bringing forth the reign of God. You send us to carry a blessing of peace.

How tremendous are your deeds.

Lord have mercy

**(All)** Lord have mercy

You cause your Word to dwell richly in us

Christ have mercy

**(All)** Christ have mercy

You do not refuse us your kindness

Lord have mercy

**All)** Lord have mercy

**OPENING PRAYER:** Ka inoi tatou – let us pray. *In this time of silence, we bring to mind all the things we want to pray for, those things which weigh heavily on our hearts. (Allow silence, 1 minute)*

God, who tends your children as a mother tends her babies, you understand our need before we know it ourselves. As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Grant to us hearts of gratitude and trust, that we might turn to you in all things. Through Jesus our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we pray.

**ALL: Amen**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 66:10-14**

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her,  
all you who love her; exult, exult with her,  
all you who were mourning over her!

Oh, that you may suck fully  
of the milk of her comfort,  
that you may nurse with delight  
at her abundant breasts!

For thus says the Lord:

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent.

As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms,  
and fondled in her lap;

as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you;  
in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort.

When you see this, your heart shall rejoice  
and your bodies flourish like the grass;  
the Lord's power shall be known to his servants.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

**Silence** – *Let's be quiet for a few moments and let God's Word find a place to rest inside us.*

**Discuss** - How do you find yourself responding to the strong feminine images in this reading?

**PSALM:** *Psalm 66* *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

*Children* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wDFdChW5IK4>

*Youth* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MteZmseMmo>

*Adults* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ff5KTml5wR8>

### **Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18**

A reading from the book of Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through which the world has been crucified to me,  
and I to the world.

For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision,  
but only a new creation.

Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule  
and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me;  
for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,  
brothers and sisters. Amen.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

**Silence** - *Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.*

**Discussion starter** – It doesn't matter if one is circumcised or uncircumcised, but it does matter if you are a new creation. How can we understand this teaching in today's world?

**GOSPEL:** *Luke 10:1-9*

**Reader** Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

**All** Ki tōu wairua anō hoki – And also with you

**Reader** A reading from the Gospel of Luke

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others  
whom he sent ahead of him in pairs

to every town and place he intended to visit.

He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;  
so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.

Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'

If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on them;  
but if not, it will return to you.

Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you,  
for the labourer deserves his payment.

Do not move about from one house to another.

Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,  
eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them,  
'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

**Reader** Ko te rongopai a te Ariki – The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** Kia whakanuia rā koe, e te Ariki, e Hēhu Karaiti –  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

*After the reading - Silence.*

→ **Children's Reflection on the Gospel** – Listen to the Gospel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiBc8oTf8ic>

Discuss – What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

→ **Adults / Youth - Reflection / Discussion** – Do you think the harvest is still abundant and the labourers few? In what way are you called to be a labourer?

**Prayer of the Faithful: As God's people we pray for the needs of the whole world.**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that each of us hear the call to become missionary disciples and continue the mission entrusted to us by Christ.

**(Silence)** Reader: E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For leaders of nations** – that that they commit themselves to building bridges of peace between and within all nations.

**(Silence)** Reader: E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For families** – that family members listen deeply to each other, celebrate the stories of each family member, and grow in love, compassion and kindness.

**(Silence)** Reader: E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For all who have not heard the Gospel** – that their hearts be ready to hear the words of Christ's Peace, and that the Lord send labourers into this harvest.

**(Silence)** Reader: E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For migrants and refugees** – that the forces which cause them to flee be calmed, that they find places of welcome where they can settle, obtain work and raise children in safety.

**(Silence)** Reader: E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**For our Common Home** – that people grow strong in their desire to care for the land.

**(Silence)** Reader: E te Ariki All: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

**Concluding Prayer**

Generous God, so great is your tenderness that you have said, 'as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.' In your great compassion, hear the prayers we bring to you today and send us forth as your disciples bearing your message of good news and peace for all. We make this prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Reader: let's pray this prayer for journeying together on the synodal way.**

**Prayer for Journeying Together, A Prayer for a Synodal Journey**

*Journey together Prayer USCCB* <https://www.usccb.org/committees/cultural-diversity-church/journey-together-prayer>

God of Our Journey,  
we give praise and thanksgiving to your name,  
the God of encounter,  
who, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
makes us one in Christ, our Saviour.

God of Our Journey,  
as we journey together with Christ, your Son,  
who walks alongside of us day by day,  
may we embrace your presence within us  
and discover your presence in the people  
whom we encounter along the way.

God of Our Journey,  
as we journey together in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
enlighten our minds and our hearts in our intercultural encounters,

with one another and with all cultural families,  
so that we may become better listeners  
and the bearers of your faithful Word.

God of Our Journey,  
as we journey together with all members of the Body of Christ,  
instil in us the presence of your love and compassion,  
so that we may persevere in faith,  
trust in your goodness,  
and place all our hope in you.

God of Our Journey,  
as we journey together as disciples of Christ,  
set our missionary hearts ablaze  
and transform our lives by your grace,  
so that we may go forth into the world  
to proclaim the Good News  
and to build up the reign of your love  
through our acts of justice, compassion, and mercy.  
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who, by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
brings forth a world of harmony and peace,  
One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**READER:** Let's pray the Lord's prayer together. The Lord's Prayer in Te Reo Māori.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU1GNEVohYY>

*Or the Lord's Prayer in English.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**READER:** Thank you for your participation in this Liturgy of the Word, thank you for your kindness and presence. We are one body, the Body of Christ. May your dwelling place and comfort be in the heart of the God, the heart of love without end. May we be messengers of God's love, peace and forgiveness in the world today.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.

Let us go in peace, loving and serving God in all we do.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Song** **Come with Me into the Fields** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfLUubUFBNE>