



Liturgy of the Word for Individuals, Families & Communities

15th Sunday Ordinary Time *Day of Prayer for Seafarers*

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. This morning we hear that God's law is not in heaven or beyond the sea, making it too far away from us. It is present here and now, amongst us. We are called to open our hearts and minds; to listen and to hear. Today is the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, and also a Day of Prayer for Seafarers. Let's sing.

A New Commandment

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=485btt72V2o>

READER: Jesus, you call us to follow you and you teach us what it means to be merciful and kind, and to love as you love.

You are the alpha – the beginning of all things
In you all things have been created
You are the omega – the end of all things

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy
(All) Christ 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 of everlasting compassion. You show us the way of compassion and mercy, gentleness and forgiveness. May we follow you faithfully, imitating Christ in all we do. Through Jesus our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we pray.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

"If only you would heed the voice of the Lord, your God,
and keep his commandments and statutes
that are written in this book of the law,
when you return to the Lord, your God,
with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today
is not too mysterious and remote for you.
It is not up in the sky, that you should say,
'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'
Nor is it across the sea, that you should say,
'Who will cross the sea to get it for us
and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?'
No, it is something very near to you,
already in your mouths and in your hearts;
you have only to carry it out.

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 - What is this command that is so uncomplicated?

PSALM: *Psalm 69 Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.*

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

Youth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wssv6FngZN4>

Adults <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4JTwjXxloKc>

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the book of Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,
the visible and the invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;
all things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in all things he himself might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross
through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

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 – "In him were created all things in heaven and on earth." What understanding do you take from this?

GOSPEL: *Luke 10:25-37*

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

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said,
"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law?

How do you read it?" He said in reply,

*"You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your being,
with all your strength, and with all your mind,
and your neighbour as yourself."*

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly;
do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus,
"And who is my neighbour?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers
as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.

They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road,

but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
Likewise a Levite came to the place,
and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.
But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him
was moved with compassion at the sight.
He approached the victim,
poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.
Then he lifted him up on his own animal,
took him to an inn, and cared for him.
The next day he took out two silver coins
and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction,
'Take care of him.
If you spend more than what I have given you,
I shall repay you on my way back.'
Which of these three, in your opinion,
was neighbour to the robbers' victim?"
He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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=osfOg4yKtq8>
Discuss – What is this parable about?

→ **Adults / Youth - Reflection / Discussion** – What do you think and feel as you listen to this reading?

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

For the Church – that we drink deeply from the fountain of your Word, opening our hearts to your Spirit, becoming more fully instruments of justice and compassion, mercy and peace, consolation and love.

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

For law-makers throughout the world – that theirs be a work of justice which upholds human dignity and protects the innocent and vulnerable, the unborn and the dying.

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

For seafarers who make their living from a life at sea – that they be safe from storm, remain connected to loved ones, appreciate their relationship with the ocean and learn from it a sense of the endless mystery of God.

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

For all fishermen and women – that they care for and respect the ocean, ponder the wonder of its vastness, and grow in an awareness of God, incarnate in all creation.

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

For people who are homeless - that wounds of life will heal, and that many will extend hands of kindness, compassion and generosity to them.

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

For those travelling in the school holidays – that people will travel safely, mindful of others, always showing care, consideration and respect.

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

Concluding Prayer

God of mercy, from every land you call a people to yourself. Yours is the work we do, yours the message we carry. Let failure not discourage us nor success beguile our hearts, as you send us to

proclaim the Gospel. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader: let's pray this prayer for Seafarers

A prayer for Sea Sunday and for Seafarers

Be with Seafarers, Lord, on all their voyages,
to cheer them and keep them safe in all dangers.
Let nothing afloat or on shore cut them off from you.
May they please you in everything they do.
Bless all on board their ship, whatever their responsibility.
Enable everyone to do their duty.
Help them to be good shipmates
and bring them back again safely
to their homes and to those who long for their return,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reader: let's pray this thanksgiving prayer for Seafarers

Thanksgiving for seafarers

Almighty God,
we give thanks for all those who work at sea.
We acknowledge our need for the food and raw materials they transport.
We recognise that they are sometimes in danger
and their long absences often involve sacrifices in their family life.
Help us to show our gratitude not only in our words, but also in our actions.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Galilee Song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_Payt-H5AU