

FOR A PARISH LITURGY LEADERSHIP TEAM IN THE SEASON OF CREATION

These ideas can be adapted according to need, context, timing and opportunity.

Date	Sunday	Sunday theme
20th September	25 th Sunday Ordinary Time Week 3, Season of Creation Last Day of Māori Language Week	Year A: Generous to a fault

Today's Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6 – 9

Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

<https://www.cjmmusic.com/downloads/psalms/audio/ps144-the-lord-is-close.mp3>

2nd Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Words of Welcome

Tena koutou katoa. We're gathered together today to celebrate the 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time in the Season of Creation. This week through scripture we are reminded that God is more loving, generous and forgiving than we could ever imagine. Just like the people in Jesus' time were bound to and depended on the vineyard, so the challenge for us today is to find ways to care for our common home for which we are kaitiaki - caretakers.

We welcome any visitors to our parish family/community.

Our celebrant today is Fr xxx

Please stand and sing our entrance hymn.

Suggested hymns

Gather your people O Lord

Isaiah 49 – Carey Landry

Te Aroha

The cry of the poor

When I needed a neighbour

City of God

Mother Earth (tune of Amazing Grace)

Prayer of the Faithful

Invocation

E te Ariki Response: Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou

For the Church:

May we be aware of God's immense generosity and compassion towards us and learn to extend it to others. *E te Ariki*

For the Season of Creation:

That we may protect life and beauty. 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.

E te Ariki

For wisdom and perseverance:

Christ's resurrection is manifested in every season, whether it is a time to harvest, to plant, or to await new life. Teach us how to respond to the challenges and changes in our planet and in our lives. *E te Ariki*

For those who are committed to justice and human liberation:

That they may continue to seek and expose the roots of injustice and oppression but not lose courage and hope when faced with opposition. *E te Ariki*

For workers, especially those in essential services:

That they will be treated with respect and fairness, receiving a just wage and appreciation from the general public. *E te Ariki*

Possible images for 25th Sunday (See below)



**The Red
vineyard by
Vincent van
Gogh**



So the LAST
will be
FIRST
and the FIRST
LAST.

Matthew 20:1-16