



Celebrating Liturgy of the Word with Family 21st Sunday Ordinary Time

Preparation – allow some time to prepare

- Read through the outline beforehand
- Arrange seating and set a prayer focus in the centre. Include keys & candles in your focus.
- There are some links to open beforehand. The same song at the beginning, after the gospel and at the end (allow children to move to the music.). Also a psalm.
- Share the reader role. Encourage your readers to practice beforehand and pause for commas and full-stops. Don't correct children as they are reading or during the Liturgy.

SONG: Something to sing and dance along with; Gods Kingdom Ben & Hannah Dunnett
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wo45SIG56Kc>

Lighting of candles. SIGN OF THE CROSS: In name of the Father... OR Ki te ingoa... *Extend a warm welcome anyone else with you.* Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Good morning! A warm welcome. Today is the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time and we gather here now as the Body of Christ, the People of God. We come hungry, to be fed at the table of God's Word.

Reader: Let's remember God's rich mercy and turn to God in prayer.

For times we have been unkind, Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy

For times we have made what we want more important than what others need, Christ have mercy

(All) Christ have mercy

For times we have not used our talents well, Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy

READER: God is everywhere all the time, always loving us. Let us pray to God -Te Atua who is always loving and forgiving.

READER: For times when we get things wrong

ALL: Te Atua your love is eternal.

READER: For times we feel disappointed

ALL: Te Atua your love is eternal.

READER: For times when we are lonely

ALL: Te Atua your love is eternal.

READER: For times when our work seems too hard

ALL: Te Atua your love is eternal.

READER: For times when I feel hurt inside

ALL: Te Atua your love is eternal.

READER: For times when I take more than my share

ALL: Te Atua your love is eternal.

READER: We pray for ourselves and for the whole world.

ALL: Amen

Pause for a time to reflect.

COLLECT/OPENING PRAYER: Let's think about all the things we need to pray for. *(Allow silence, 1 minute)*

Te Atua you love it when we are united. Help us to understand and do what you want us to do.

Through Jesus we pray.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23 *International Children's Bible*

Reader 1 This is what the Lord says:

Reader 2 I did not speak in secret. I did not hide my words somewhere in a dark place.

I did not tell the family of Jacob to look for me in empty places.

Reader 1 I am the Lord, and I speak the truth. I say what is right.

Reader 2 Tell these people to come to me. Let them talk about these things together.

Reader 1 Who told you long ago that this would happen? Who told about it long ago?

Reader 2 I, the Lord, said these things. There is no other God besides me.

Reader 1 I am the only good God. I am the Saviour. There is no other God.

Reader 2 "All people everywhere, follow me and be saved.

I am God. There is no other God.

Reader 1 I will make a promise by my own power. And my promise is true.

Reader 2 What I say will not be changed. I promise that everyone will bow before me.

Reader 1 Everyone will promise to follow me.

The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God

Silence – *let's be quiet for a few moments and let God's Word settle inside us.*

PSALM: *join in (sing and dance)- God loves me* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRJvszcrTLs>

Second READING: *Romans 11:33-36 International Children's Bible*

Reader 1 Yes, God's riches are very great! God's wisdom and knowledge have no end!

Reader 2 No one can explain the things God decides. No one can understand God's ways.

Reader 1 As the Scripture says,

Reader 2 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who has been able to give the Lord advice?"

Reader 1 "No one has ever given God anything that he must pay back."

Reader 2 Yes, God made all things. And everything continues through God and for God.

Reader 1 To God be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Follow the reading with silence.

Discuss: This scripture says we can't give God advice, we can't understand God's ways. But there is one thing God wants – love. How can we show love for God?

GOSPEL: *Matthew 15:21-28*

READER 1 Jesus went to the area of Caesarea Philippi. He said to his followers, "I am the Son of Man. Who do the people say I am?"

READER 2 They answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist. Others say you are Elijah. And others say that you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

READER 2 Then Jesus asked them, "And who do you say I am?"

READER 1 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

READER 2 Jesus answered, "You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah. No person taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am.

READER 1 So I tell you, you are Peter. And I will build my church on this rock. The power of death will not be able to defeat my church.

READER 2 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. The things you don't allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow. The things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows."

READER 1 Then Jesus warned his followers not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

READER 2 From that time on Jesus began telling his followers that he must go to Jerusalem.

READER 1 He explained that the Jewish elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of the law would make him suffer many things.

READER 2 And he told them that he must be killed.

READER 1 Then, on the third day, he would be raised from death.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

After the reading - silence. Let some words go over and over in your mind.

Discuss: Imagine if Jesus stood beside you now, in the room you are in, and said, 'who do you say I am?' how would you answer that question? What do keys do? What do you think the kingdom of heaven might be?

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When you're up, when you're down -If you're a teacher, or a preacher, or a clown.

If you're two, or ninety one, God's kingdom is a place for everyone

Prayer of the Faithful: *As God's people, one of our responsibilities is to pray for the needs of the whole world.*

For the Church – that we all work industriously to set free people who are hurting.

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

For world leaders – that they make sure people can freely practice their religion.

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

For all who have been victims of violence – that through the kind and loving actions of people around them, they will be healed and learn to trust again.

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

For people whose violent actions have caused harm – that they try to get help to end their violent behaviour and that they will be supported to do this by kind people.

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

For all of us who are gathered here today – that we discover anew the wonder of God in our midst and open ourselves to the Holy Spirit who enlivens within us the mission of Jesus.

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

For Aotearoa New Zealand – that people prepare responsibly for the election and that the virus here will be stopped.

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

For all of us who are here now – that we will welcome God among us and be open to the Holy Spirit who leads us to help with Jesus' mission, building the kingdom of God.

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

READER: And now let us pray together as Jesus taught us: Choose Māori or English

Māori at this link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/mass-readings-in-te-reo/> Words are on the screen.

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.

COLLECTION: READER: Something that Christian people do is support people who need help. There are lots of people who need help. Can we talk about who needs help and what we could do to help them.

- **Your Parish:** your parish and presbytery still have operating costs.
- **The Caring Foundation Covid-19 appeal** to donate, click [here](#)
- **Catholic Social Services Auckland** to donate, click [here](#)
- **The Catholic aid agency Caritas** to support their work, click [here](#)
- **St Vincent de Paul** contact your parish or click [here](#)

Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your participation in today's Liturgy of the Word. Let us go in peace to love and serve God. Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG Let's sing that song again -Gods Kingdom, Ben & Hannah Dunnett <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wo45SIG56Kc>