2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B January 17th

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. A very warm welcome to everyone. Today is the second Sunday of Ordinary Time. ‘What are you looking for?’ Jesus asks. This question draws the two disciples into relationship with Jesus. Similarly, we are called to enter into relationship with Jesus. Let us be silent for a few moments so that our hearts may be places of welcome, for Jesus, as we celebrate this Eucharist. **(20 … seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome to ……………………… (*parish name*). Let us stand and sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we, the baptized listen deeply to the Word of God, allow it to transform us and lead us to share in Christ’s mission.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For community and national leaders –** that they will act with integrity, resist using their positions for their own benefit, and focus on establishing laws and principles that add dignity to people’s lives.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For teenagers and young adults –** that they will have people of wisdom they can turn to in times of uncertainty, difficulty and doubt, and that they will receive wise and understanding counsel.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For older and senior members of society** – that they will reflect on their own experience of life, be kind, compassionate and share their wisdom patiently with younger people.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For the earth, our common home** – that we might wonder at the extreme beauty of nature, see in it God’s eternal and incarnate presence and be committed to protecting and caring for it.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For all of us who are gathered here now** – that our homes will be places of warm welcome, offering hospitality to guests and family alike.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**For our local community of**………………….. That\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please add a prayer for your local community.

(Silence) **Reader:** (sung) Lord hear us. **All:** Lord hear our prayer.

**Concluding Prayer**

God, your voice goes out to all the earth, and you call each of us by name, to listen to you. Strengthen us in faith, so that we might heed your call to “come and follow”... We ask this through …**Amen**