2nd Sunday Easter Year B **April 11th**  Divine Mercy Sunday

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou katoa – Good morning and welcome. Today is the second Sunday of Easter, and Divine Mercy Sunday. Our rejoicing continues because our Saviour is risen. Jesus comes among us as one bringing peace. May our eyes be opened in faith, may the spirit be awakened in us and may we rejoice with one another. You are welcome here today as we celebrate this wonderful time in the Christian calendar. We will pause for a moment now, and prepare in silence for this liturgy. (20 seconds – stay at microphone). Welcome! Let’s sing together with joy.

**Prayer of the Faithful – People’s Response: Alleluia, Alleluia**

**For the Church** – that we who are the Church will be an instrument of peace, and an agent of reconciliation to all people.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For the leaders of nations** – that global leaders will strive to establish peace among all peoples and all nations.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For the newly baptized** – that they will be supported, affirmed and encouraged by their parish or faith community, their faith nourished, and the promise of baptism brought to life in them.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For land and property owners –** that they will be generous with their possessions, sharing what they have and providing for the poor.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

**For people without adequate housing** – that we who are Christian will work to ensure everybody is accommodated in affordable homes that are warm and dry.

**Silence Reader:** Christ has died, Christ is risen! **All:** Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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**Concluding Prayer:** God of life, refine our faith, that we who have not seen, may yet believe. With this hope we make this prayer through the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen