2nd Advent Year C December 5th

**Welcome before Mass**: (Commentator)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Haere mai. Good morning and a warm welcome to you, on this day, the second Sunday of Advent Year C. We are a people on the Way, a people who walk together in a spirit of listening, a people who are a Synodal Church. As such, today we consider, how do we prepare a way for the Lord? I warmly welcome you to ………………………… (Parish name). Let us be silent for a moment, as we prepare to encounter Jesus in this liturgy **(20 seconds - stay at microphone).** Welcome! Let’s stand and sing together.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

The reader reads each petition. In the **silence**, the people pray in their own hearts for that petition. It is important to give a time of silence, so each person can form their prayer.

**For the Church** – that all the baptized strive for partnership in the Gospel, walking together in a spirit of listening, as the People of God.

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

**For national and international leaders –** that as response to the pandemic focuses on vaccination, leaders will stive to maintain a sense of unity among their people , encouraging care, tolerance and acceptance of difference.

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

**For refugees** - that nations around the globe will open their doors to those who have no place to call home and that the causes of human displacement be studied, understood and addressed.

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

**For families –** that the approaching Christmas season will not induce financial hardship and that families will be able to use the summer break to grow deeper in understanding, love and friendship of one another.

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

**For ourselves** – that we prepare the way of the Lord, that our ‘love may increase more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception and that we learn to discern what is of value.’

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

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

Please add a prayer for your local community.

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

**Concluding Prayer:**

Father, we gather here as a people baptized by the Spirit and in the sure knowledge that you will answer these petitions. We make our prayer through the Spirit and in the name of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**