



Liturgy of the Word for families First Sunday of Advent Year C

Note: *Invite people to have a prayer focus and light a candle.*

SIGN OF THE CROSS: Ki te ingoa...

Tēnā Koutou Katoa – Haere mai. Hello everyone and a very warm welcome to you, on this New Year’s Day in the Church. It is the first Sunday of Advent Year C and in this New Year we are called to walk as people of the Way: as one in communion, together in participation and united in mission. It is good to be here.



Let’s sing

→→→ **The Advent song for Kids**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZCtyhOU2gw>

→→→ **Youth & Adults City of God, Dan Schutte**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSyu-a8ov7A>

READER: E te Atua, God of everlasting love, you long to see the flower of justice spring from the earth. You call us to live justly and to abound in love. May the image of Christ grow in us, may we become more like Christ, loving as Christ loves, bringing peace to the disconsolate, disturbing the complacent and making justice flourish.

You hold the sun, the moon and the stars in your hands	Lord have mercy	(All) Lord have mercy
You are just all you do and you call us to live justly	Christ have mercy	(All) Christ have mercy
You abound in love and call us to be the same	Lord have mercy	(All) Lord have mercy

Reader: An Integral Ecology

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to undertake a 7-year journey toward an integral ecology.

An integral ecology is being aware

- that that all things are integrated or connected,
- that all we do has consequences for ecology or nature,
- of what those consequences are, and
- of the need to reduce our impact.

A journey to integral ecology often begins with what Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Francis describe as an “ecological conversion.” Through this conversion, the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us, as we seek to protect our brothers and sisters by protecting the home we share (Laudato Si’, 217). This video explains an integral ecology. Let’s watch it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TReVkrHEV8>

Discussion: What do I need to do, to be able to explain what an integral ecology is, to others?

OPENING PRAYER: In this time of silence, we bring to mind all the things we want to pray for. *(Allow silence, 1 minute)*

God Emmanuel, ever-present God, set our hearts to do what is good, what is right, what is just and to act with love in all things, so that we may be ready servants of your kingdom, eager to meet you when you come. We make this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the book of Jeremiah
The days are coming, says the Lord,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
"The Lord our justice.
Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord.
ALL: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God



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Silence – *Let's be quiet for a few moments and let God's Word find a place to rest inside us.*

Discussion - What is a 'just shoot?'

PSALM: *Psalm 25 To you O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Kids - God is Good <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vt6TslAHlqs&t=1455>

Youth – Psalm 25 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt3EEhMK8zA>

Adults, Marty Haugen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xm9m9AJjY4>

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

A reading from the book of Thessalonians
Brothers and sisters:
May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all, just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and
Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his
holy ones. Amen.
Finally, brothers and sisters,
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus
that, as you received from us
how you should conduct yourselves to please God
and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more.
For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.
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Silence - *Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.*

Discussion - What does it make me feel like to be asked to have love for one another and for all?

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Reader Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

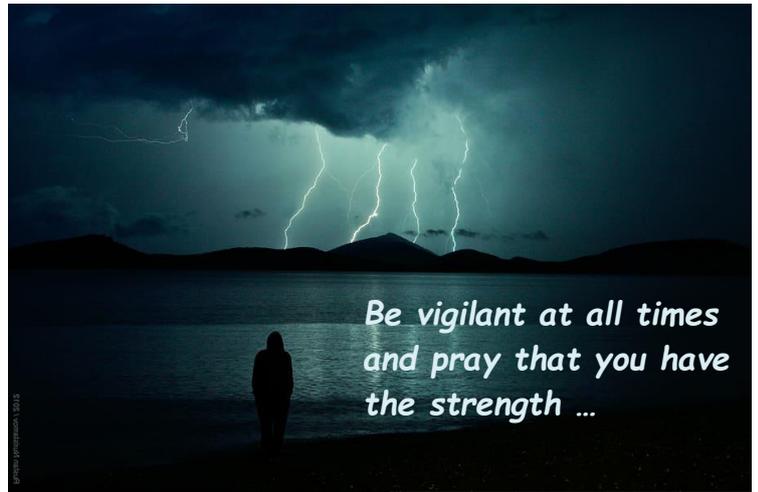
All: Ki tōu wairua anō hoki - And also with you

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.
People will die of fright
in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,

for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.



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Reader Ko te rongopai a te Ariki - The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Kia whakanuia rā koe, e te Ariki, e Hēhu Karaiti - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading - . Silence.

Think about the reading - Let some words repeat in your mind.

→→→ **Kids Homily**– Douglas Talks: The Shoes of Gospel Readiness - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1NHnKIAJq4>

Kids conversation: - What message did Douglas give us today?

→→→ **Adults / Youth - Homily / Discussion** – What is this reading asking of us?

Prayer of the Faithful: *As God's people we pray for the needs of the whole world.*

For the Church – that all the baptized may be living witnesses of your light in the world, seeking to speak the Good News in new ways to the people of our time.

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

For national and international leaders – that weapons of violence be set aside, and that all peoples, and especially leaders, will seek peace and not war.

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

For all the people of Aotearoa New Zealand - that the beauty of our mountains, hills and rivers, and the night sky pierced with light of the Southern Cross, may awaken in us all, a spirit of generosity, mercy and deep compassion.

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

For neighbourhoods – that families affected by physical addictions, broken relationships, depression or mental health problems, will be supported and encouraged by loving neighbours who bring light into the darkness.

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

For ourselves – that as we enter into this New Church Year, we deepen our prayer in Christ, fast from excess, and strive to abound in love for one another and for all.

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

Other Petitions -

Concluding Prayer:

Eternal God, strengthen the resolve of your people to prepare for the coming of your Christ by works of justice and mercy, prayer and fasting. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **AMEN**

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

The Lord's Prayer in Māori at this link <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/te-reo-in-the-liturgy/>

Scroll down and open the button – ko to inoi a te Ariki (Words will show 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.

READER – Called to an integral ecology - taking action

Jesus' friendship with the natural world was so real, he could speak freely about sun, moon, stars, roaring waves and seas. Talking about birds, fig trees, sheep and wolves in his parables flowed out of him very naturally. He did much of his teaching and healing outside. His awareness that the natural world was itself an incarnation of divine life, and that nature speaks of the eternal love of God, is evident in his willingness to go to a 'lonely place and pray.' Pope Francis calls us to an 'ecological conversion.' It is as though we need to encounter and be changed, converted, transformed, by **Jesus: Lord of the outdoors.**

Take a few minutes to read and reflect on the following verse, Luke 6:12. Read it 3 times. Between each reading, pause and reflect on the scene for **20 – 30** seconds. In your mind, repeat some of the words or allow images, thoughts and questions to come to your mind.

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Discuss

- What came to mind?
- What structure do we need in place so our parish, community or family can set out on a journey toward integral ecology?

Reader: It is Advent, Week 1. The joy of the New Church Year is with us as we look forward to and prepare for Christmas by praying, fasting and acts of kindness. Make yourself an Advent wreath this week and light the first candle.

To learn more about Advent and the Advent wreath, explore this website:

<https://www.st-timothycatechism.ca/advent-wreath>



Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your participation.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.

Let us go in peace, loving and serving God by caring for our planet and for one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

SONG:

Kids Til the end of time -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqLTvz339pl>

Youth Prepare a way for the Lord, Paul M Harvey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=koBkVwkBu4>

Adults Hosea – Bob Dufford

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJ2oI-UhTec>

communion
participation
mission



For a synodal Church

Feedback to Auckland Diocese by 22/4/2022

- The Diocese of Auckland: for more information on the Synod <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>
- Printable PDF, with Synod information <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SynodInformationBooklet.pdf>