



# Liturgy of the Word for Individuals, Families & Communities

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time *Matariki Weekend, Peter's Pence Collection*

*Prepare a prayer focus and light a candle.*

**SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Ki te ingoa...

**READER:** Kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou -- The Lord be with you

**ALL:** Ki tōu wairua anō hoki -- And also with you

**READER:**

Welcome everybody. Today is the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time and we are celebrating Matariki Weekend for the first time. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in understanding of each other and to deepen our appreciation and sense of awe for the natural world.

Let's remember this as we sing together.

**Canticle of the Sun**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfJ6WJPUff8>

**READER:** Jesus, you draw us to yourself and fill us with yourself. You make us your own body. Make us one with you and with each other.

You stretch out the heavens before us  
You set the sun and the moon in the heavens  
You placed all the constellations of stars

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy

**(All)** Lord have mercy  
**(All)** Christ have mercy  
**(All)** Lord have mercy

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

God of abundant creativity, who has brought heaven and earth into being, grant to your people hearts of wonder, awe, gratitude and praise, that we might delight in and care for all you have made. Through Jesus our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we pray.

**ALL: Amen**

**FIRST READING 1Kings 19:16-21**

A reading from the book of First kings

The LORD said to Elijah:

"You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you."

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth.

Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him.

Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said,

"Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you."

Elijah answered, "Go back!

Have I done anything to you?"

Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the ploughing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat.

Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

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

**Discuss** - What thoughts or questions arise as you listen to this reading.

**PSALM:**        *Psalm 16*        *You are my inheritance O Lord*  
                      *Children*            <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENoggj7n1Fg>  
                      *Youth*                [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSpZ\\_xoQRUQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSpZ_xoQRUQ)  
                      *Adults*               <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMAAoXfgOxo&t=955>

### **Second Reading Galatians 5:1,13-18**

A reading from the book of Galatians

Brothers and sisters:

For freedom Christ set us free;

so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters.

But do not use this freedom

as an opportunity for the flesh;

rather, serve one another through love.

For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement,

namely, *You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*

But if you go on biting and devouring one another,

beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit

and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh.

For the flesh has desires against the Spirit,

and the Spirit against the flesh;

these are opposed to each other,

so that you may not do what you want.

But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

**Silence** - *Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.*

**Discussion starter** – What is freedom?

**GOSPEL:**        *Luke 9:51-62*

**Reader** Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

**All**        Ki tōu wairua anō hoki – And also with you

**Reader** A reading from the Gospel of Luke

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled,

he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem,

and he sent messengers ahead of him.

On the way they entered a Samaritan village

to prepare for his reception there,

but they would not welcome him

because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem.

When the disciples James and John saw this they asked,

"Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven

to consume them?"

Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him,

"I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus answered him,  
"Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests,  
but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

And to another he said, "Follow me."  
But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father."  
But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead.  
But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."  
And another said, "I will follow you, Lord,  
but first let me say farewell to my family at home."  
To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plough  
and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

**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.*

→ **Children's Reflection on the Gospel** – Listen to the Gospel [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGoO73yc5\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGoO73yc5_s)  
Discuss – What happened in this Gospel story?

→ **Adults / Youth - Reflection / Discussion** – What does it mean, to 'follow' Jesus?

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

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we seek to be a synodal people, walking together, following Jesus and preaching the Gospel, loving neighbour and loving ourselves.

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

**For leaders of nations** – that war will end, and people live in freedom and peace, free from fear of aggression and oppression.

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

**For all Christian people** – that people of all Christian denominations find ways to pray, work and celebrate together.

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

**For people who have been taken into slavery** – that nations and societies will be just, establish legal processes to protect the vulnerable and eliminate slavery in all forms.

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

**For young people** – that their hearts be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, facing the future with hope, and a willingness to work for what is good, just, right and loving.

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

**For Matariki** – that people will celebrate Matariki respectfully, that bicultural relationships will be strengthened and that our appreciation for the natural world will be renewed.

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

**Concluding Prayer (Priest)**

Loving God, whose hand has brought forth the wonder of all creation, lead us to love and care for all you have made, that we may ever more faithfully bring forth your kingdom in all we do. Hear the prayers we bring you and grant them, through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

**Matariki - Expression of Faith** (from *Psalms 46, 96, 74, 104*)

Matariki is a cluster of stars;                      - Let the heavens be glad.

Matariki is a time of year;                      - Let the earth rejoice, let the seas and all that is in them roar.

Matariki is a time of remembering                      - Be still and know that I am God.

- Matariki is a new beginning;
- Matariki is the eyes of God;
- Matariki is a time of seeing
- Matariki is a time of rejoicing
- Let the fields and all that is in them exult. Let all the trees of the forests shout for joy.
  - O God, what variety you have created, arranging everything so wisely. The Earth is filled with your creativity.
  - Both day and night belong to you; you made the starlight and the sun. You set the boundaries of the earth and you made both summer and winter.
  - All creatures depend on you to feed them at the proper time. Open your hand, they are well satisfied.

**READER:** Let's pray the Lord's prayer together. The Lord's Prayer in Te Reo Māori.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU1GNEVohYY>

*Or the Lord's Prayer in English.*

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.

### **Matariki Blessing**

The new light of Matariki has risen!

May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.

May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.

May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery of Atua who loves you.

May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you. And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.

Go in peace.

Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray.

**Amen**

**READER:** Thank you for your participation in this Liturgy of the Word, thank you for your kindness and presence. We are one body, the Body of Christ. May your dwelling place and comfort be in the heart of the God, the heart of love without end. May we be messengers of God's love, peace and forgiveness in the world today.

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

Let us go in peace, loving and serving God in all we do.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Song Wairua Tapu** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xJmT17gHqA>

Wairua tapu tau mai rā  
 wairua tapu mai runga  
 uhia mai ngā taonga pai  
 homai tō aroha.

*Alight holy spirit, come to rest  
 Holy spirit from above  
 cover all we hold dear  
 give us your love.*

Wāhia, kia tika  
 akona mai rā kia ū ki te pai  
 Horoia, kia mau tonu rā  
 mōhou te tino kororia.

*Lay us down (as firewood), so all is right  
 teaching us to hold firmly to the right.  
 Wash / clean us, so that we may keep holding  
 yours is the true glory.*