



Liturgy of the Word for Individuals, Families & Communities

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

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:

Tēnā Koutou Katoa / hello and welcome. Pope Francis said, 'Thinking about the end, the end of creation, the end of one's life, this is wisdom, the wise ones do it.' These words echo today's reading where we are called to readiness. Today is the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Let's sing.

Where Your Treasure Is

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

READER: Lord, you are pleased to call us to yourself and to give us your kingdom. May we learn from you how to store up the treasures that last forever.

You are kind in all your ways

Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy

You wash away every sin

Christ have mercy

(All) Christ have mercy

You grant your people the gift of praise

Lord 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, those things which weigh heavily on our hearts. (Allow silence, 1 minute)*

Merciful God, you look upon us with love, you draw us to yourself and what is yours you share with us. Show us how to seek the things that are above. In all we do, may we imitate your charity, generosity and mercy. Through Jesus our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we pray.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage.

Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes.

For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned.

For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

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 - In your experience, do you think that faith gives courage?

PSALM:

Psalm 33

Blessed be the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmiL38ezUWk>

Youth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK7JhQ1fZfc>

Adults

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_eGi_rubmo

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12

A reading from the book of Hebrews

Brothers and sisters:

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for
and evidence of things not seen.

Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go.

By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country,
dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise;
for he was looking forward to the city with foundations,
whose architect and maker is God.

By faith he received power to generate,
even though he was past the normal age
—and Sarah herself was sterile—

for he thought that the one who had made the promise was
trustworthy.

So it was that there came forth from one man,
himself as good as dead,
descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky
and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

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 faith?

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

“Do not be afraid any longer, little flock,
for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.

Sell your belongings and give alms.

Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out,
an inexhaustible treasure in heaven
that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.

For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

“Gird your loins and light your lamps
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.

And should he come in the second or third watch
and find them prepared in this way,
blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this:

if the master of the house had known the hour
when the thief was coming,
he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Then Peter said,

“Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?”

And the Lord replied,

“Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?

Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so.

Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property.

But if that servant says to himself,

‘My master is delayed in coming,’

and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk,

then that servant’s master will come

on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour

and will punish the servant severely

and assign him a place with the unfaithful.

That servant who knew his master’s will

but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will

shall be beaten severely;

and the servant who was ignorant of his master’s will

but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating

shall be beaten only lightly.

Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,

and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”

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=Vdw-gg6AVYs&t=69s>
How did the girls prepare for what they were doing?

→ **Adults – Youth: Reflection / Discussion** – What does ‘readiness’ ask of us.

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 as a people, we will walk together in a synodal way, loving God, seeking justice and caring for the poor.

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

For leaders of wealthy nations – that those who have been entrusted with power over people will not use it to exploit their citizens, but will use that power to bring forth justice.

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

For those who plan our towns and cities – that through the care of their work, our towns and cities will be places where people can live safe, dignified and fulfilling lives.

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

For people held in slavery or bondage – that they be freed and enabled to live their lives with dignity, self-respect and confidence.

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

For people who have authority over others - that they act justly and have a compassionate regard for people in their service.

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

For our Common Home – that there will be peace among nations, that famine will be no more, that wildfires, heatwaves, extreme flooding and the pandemic will cease, and that all people will work towards these goals.

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

Concluding Prayer

O God, on whom our faith rests secure and whose kingdom we seek, sustain us by word and sacrament. Keep us alert for the coming of the Son of Man, that we may welcome him without delay. 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:** Over recent weeks and months, many people have had to face the devastation of floods. Homes, properties, possessions, animals and people's lives have been deeply affected. People face the loss of livelihood and destruction of property. Our connection with place is strong. To see the place where you have built your home, your place of safety and comfort, washed away in a raging torrent leads to deep emotional trauma and scars which stay with a person for years. Take a moment to think about and pray for those who have faced floods recently.*

Compassionate God, source of all comfort,
We pray for the people who have been overwhelmed by rain and flood,
Whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed,
Who face months and years of cleaning and restoring property,
Who are broken-hearted because of the devastation they face.
May they not despair.
May they not be overwhelmed by the immensity of what they face.
May friends, family and neighbours be mediators of encouragement and support.
May local bodies and other groups be sources of help.
May governments provide aid.
May those suffering find comfort.
May I never be insensitive to the suffering of others.
May I be generous in my response.
May my words be kind and compassionate.
Through Christ we pray
Amen.

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-

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 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 The Summons - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=046gPRLdbHU>