11th Sunday in Ordinary Time| Year A | 18th June

**Welcome before Mass**:

Kia ora,

Welcome everyone! Today, we are gathered together once again, just as the many grains of wheat are gathered together, to create one loaf. Let us pause for a few moments of silence, preparing ourselves to celebrate this liturgy, fully and consciously.

(10 seconds of silence) Let us stand and sing together the entrance hymn.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we, the Church, be sowers of seed; seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self-control.

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

**For national and local body leaders** – that they adopt an approach which strives for long term and permanent change, when seeking to solve the problems their communities face.

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

**For people facing permanent or terminal illness** – they will find comfort in the loving, patient and understanding support of family and friends.

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

**For our young people** – that through Christ, they may grow in strength and tenderness, courage and wisdom, generosity and faithfulness.

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

**For people who recovering from natural disasters** – that they feel the embrace of God during these tough times, through the support of their wider community.

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

**For our local community of … (What are the needs of your locality – housing, health, truancy, an accident… Please discern the needs of your locality and compose a petition.)**

**Concluding Prayer**

O God, at whose bidding the seed will sprout, and the shoot grow toward full stature, hear the prayer of your assembled people. Make us trust in your hidden ways, that we may pray with confidence and wait for your kingdom now growing in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **Amen**.