12th Sunday in Ordinary Time| Year A | 25th June

**Welcome before Mass**:

Kia ora,

Welcome everyone! Today is the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time and I warmly welcome you here. We step aside now, from daily routine and into this liturgical space, ready to be transformed by the touch of Christ, who calmed raging seas and brought peace to storms. Let us pause for a moment, and prepare to take our part as active participants as we celebrate this liturgy.

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

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we as Christians, courageously proclaim Christ with as the light of the world and bring hope to those who are fearful.

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

**For people of all nations** – that God’s infinite mercy will be theirs as they strive for reconciliation, peace, and unity in the midst of political turmoil and war.

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

**For this community of faith**– that in seeking to follow Jesus, we may do so following the example of the self-giving of Mary, the Mother Christ, and first disciple.

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

**For those who have died**– that God’s everlasting love will be theirs, now and forever.

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

**For our physical world** – that through combined effort, we can help restore our planet from the effects of climate change, and ensure a clean and sustainable world for future generations.

(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**

Lord, with the prophet Jeremiah we entrust our lives into your hands. With Jesus your Son, we place our trust in your care for us. Let your grace overflow for us and for all people in answer to these prayers, for we offer them in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**.