13th Sunday in Ordinary Time| Year A | 2nd July

**Welcome before Mass**:

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Welcome! Today is the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Holy One longs to redeem the suffering of the world and heal our scarred and broken lives. In our celebration of Eucharist, we welcome the healing Word in our midst, and share a meal that sustains us amid the challenges of life.

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

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that we may enter more fully into the tasks God asks of us and become witnesses of charity to all those in need.

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

**For all those suffering in the world** – including those who are served by today’s Peter’s Pence Collection, that God will send them a merciful witness of charity.

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

**For the community** – that those who have nowhere to lay their head may find support from the government and other social providers in finding appropriate housing.

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

**For this community of faith** – that in seeking to follow Jesus, wherever the Spirit leads, we may follow him as Mary, his mother, and first disciple did.

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

**For those who have followed Jesus** – that having followed Jesus in this life, may they now be fit for the kingdom of God.

(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**

God of love, look with compassion on us as we journey along the paths of time and when our earthly pilgrimage is over, welcome us into your heavenly home, where we shall dwell with you forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.