14th Sunday in Ordinary Time| Year A | 9th July

**Welcome before Mass**:

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Today is the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time and I warmly welcome you here. Sometimes, we may not welcome the voice of prophet, for it can be a voice that disturbs us. But the prophet offers wisdom and guides us towards discernment. As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, let us be open to the voice of the prophet and the Word of God. Let us hear the call to be one people, one body. We pause now, as we prepare to celebrate this liturgy which brings us to unity in Christ.

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

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that it be a house of compassion, mercy, and love, and that its processes be open, transparent, and just, so that those who are not yet believers might come to see in it, the goodness of God.

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

**For the leaders of nations** – that they will accept the yoke of Christ through lives of gentle and humble service and banish war and promote peace throughout the world.

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

**For families** – that those who carry heavy burdens, may be strengthened by the Spirit of Christ, and may have their loads lightened by us their brothers and sisters.

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

**For this community of faith** – that all who worship here may trust in Christ and learn discipleship through his teaching.

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

**For the departed** – that they will celebrate everlasting life in the reign 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**

Lord of heaven and earth you have revealed to us in your Son the power of your Spirit. Strengthen us in faith, hope, and love, that we be gentle and humble as we share in the mission of Christ, who came serve rather than to be served.   
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.