25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C |21st September

**Welcome before Mass**

**Tēnā Koutou Katoa / Good morning and welcome. “‘Laudato si, mi signore – praise be to you my Lord!” In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.’ On this day, the 25th Sunday of Ordinary time, and the 3rd week of the Season of Creation, these words from the encyclical Laudato Si, remind us of our relationship with the earth, our common home. In preparation for the celebration of this liturgy, let’s now take a moment of silence.**

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**Together now, we join and sing our opening hymn.**

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church – that we speak out for the ‘poor of the land’ and call to account those who, ‘tamper with the scales,’ or buy ‘the poor for silver’ or for a ‘pair of sandals.’**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For leaders of nations – that they ensure the world’s food resources are shared fairly and that all people have sufficient quality food, each day.**

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**For the Auckland Diocese – that as we embark on this process of *Reshaping* to discern for ways to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges and encourages dialogue, a Church ever open to welcoming.**

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**For labourers – that their working conditions be safe, wages be sufficient to live on, and that through the work of their hands, they contribute positively to their work environment and to society.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

**For water and for waterways – that people adopt high standards of conservation, and that local bodies act to ensure the protection of waterways.**

V. **E te Ariki** R. whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou | V. **We pray to the Lord** R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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

**Concluding Prayer**

**Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, we raise our hands and hearts to you in fervent prayer.**

**In your love, guard us from every danger and grant us your salvation.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord.** R. Amen.