



## Liturgy of the Word for families 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time, Creation Season Week 2

**Light candles.** (*Do this deliberately as part of your prayer. Candles remind us of the presence of Christ the light.*)

### **SIGN OF THE CROSS: Ki te ingoa...**

Tēnā Koutou Katoa. Welcome everybody! Today is the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, the second Sunday of the Creation Season, Social Justice Week, and te wiki o te reo Māori. Pope Francis has said, 'every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in lifestyles and models of production and consumption.' Let us be willing to be changed as we encounter God's Word in this prayer time.

→ **Kids, let's sing together:** - With our Hearts on Fire – sing along with Michael (music starts at 1.40)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PUO-ILcSU>

→ **Adults & Youth,** - This song, *Litany for the Earth*, (© Barbara Bridge) invites us to contemplate the wonder of God's incarnate presence throughout creation, and pray for healing of our common home – you might like to join in with the refrains: *Pour out your mercy, pour out your love / Heal our common home* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1E7ZvhCrlsg>

**READER:** E te Atua, God of all creation. You make your dwelling place with us and throughout the whole of your wonderful creation. You give us the precious gift of the Earth to live on. Help us care for and protect what you give us.

All creation reminds us of you,	Lord have mercy	<b>(All)</b> Lord have mercy
Through your great love all things have their being,	Christ have mercy	<b>(All)</b> Christ have mercy
You teach us how to care for what you give us,	Lord have mercy	<b>(All)</b> Lord have mercy

**GLORIA** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qjesHLjkio>

**COLLECT/OPENING PRAYER:** In this time of silence, we bring to mind all the things we want to pray for. (*Allow silence, 1 minute*)

God you are creator and ruler of all things. In your kindness look at us and help us feel the warmth of your love that never ends. Help us serve you with all our heart. We pray through your son Jesus who live and reigns with you in one-ness with the holy spirit forever **ALL:** Amen

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9 Good News Bible**

**Reader 1** A reading from the book of Isaiah

**Reader 2** The Lord has given me understanding, and I have not rebelled or turned away from him.

**Reader 1** I bared my back to those who beat me.

**Reader 2** I did not stop them when they insulted me, when they pulled out the hairs of my beard and spat in my face.

**Reader 1** But their insults cannot hurt me because the Lord gives me help.

**Reader 2** I brace myself to endure them.

**Reader 1** I know that I will not be disgraced, for God is near, and will prove me innocent.

**Reader 2** Does anyone dare bring charges against me?

**Reader 1** Let us go to court together!

**Reader 2** Let him bring his accusation!

**Reader 1** The Lord himself defends me— who, then, can prove me guilty?

**Reader 2** The Word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God

**Silence** – *Let's be quiet for a few moments and let God's Word find a place to rest inside us.*

## Family discussion

- have I ever felt insulted? What was it like?
- what is a good attitude to someone who insults me?
- does Jesus know what it's like to feel insulted? How does that help me?

**Adults** – could I respond better to insult or criticism?

**PSALM: 116** Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFlkw1cPwrl>  
Youth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xGUYScj7eo>  
Others <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzettRwETvQ>

## Second Reading James 2:14-18 Good News Bible

**Reader 1** A reading from the book of James.

**Reader 2** My brothers and sisters, what good is it for people to say that they have faith if their actions do not prove it? Can that faith save them?

**Reader 1** Suppose there are brothers or sisters who need clothes and don't have enough to eat.

**Reader 2** What good is there in your saying to them, "God bless you! Keep warm and eat well!" — if you don't give them the necessities of life?

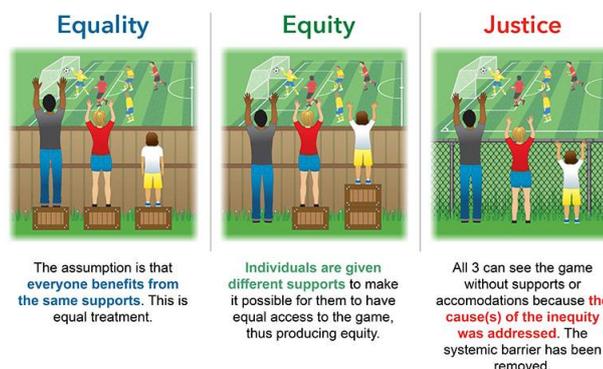
**Reader 1** So it is with faith: if it is alone and includes no actions, then it is dead.

**Reader 2** Someone will say, "One person has faith, another has actions."

**Reader 1** My answer is, "Show me how anyone can have faith without actions. I will show you my faith by my actions."

**Reader 2** The word of the Lord

**ALL:** Thanks be to God



**Silence** -Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.

## Family discussion

- what does, 'I will show you my **faith** by my **actions**,' mean?
- what is a '**Creation Season**' example of showing faith by actions?
- is giving everyone the same, the same as justice? Use the picture to help you think about the question?

**GOSPEL:** Mark: 8:27-35

**Reader 1:** Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

**All:** Ki tōu wairua anō hoki - And also with you

**Reader 2:** Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi.

**Reader 1:** Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

**Reader 2:** They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets."

**Reader 1:** And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

**Reader 2:** Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."

**Reader 1:** Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

**Reader 2:** He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly.

**Reader 1:** Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

**Reader 2:** At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan.

**Reader 1:** You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

**Reader 2:** He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

**Reader 1:** Ko te rongopai a te Ariki - The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL:** Kia whakanuia rā koe, e te Ariki, e Hēhu Karaiti - Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After the reading -. **Silence.** Think about the reading - Let some words repeat in your mind.

### Family discussion

- what did Peter mean when he said, 'you are the Christ?'
- what does Jesus message to the crowd mean?

### Reflection on Creation Season

→→→ **Kids - A little prayer for our Earth** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XI5onAPurZs&t=23s>

**Now we can say, 'A little prayer for our Earth,' together.**

*Powerful God*

*You hold us and everything you have made in your loving care.*

*You are in the whole universe and in every tiny creature.*

*Pour out on us God, the power of your love and teach us to care for life and for beauty.*

*Fill us with peace so that we do not harm others but love them all like sisters and brothers.*

*God we know that people who are poor are very special to you and you want us to love them too, so they are not forgotten.*

*We ask you to change us so that we protect your world, not destroy it.*

*Change the hearts of people who care only about themselves and money instead of caring about people and the Earth.*

*Show us how even small things matter.*

*Help us see how we are all connected to each other and to the Earth.*

*We thank you God, for being with us each day.*

*Fill us up with wonder and light and help us bring peace to your beautiful world.*

*Amen.*

→→→ **Youth and Adults - Watch the video,** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3Lz7dmn1eM>

**Discuss -**

- What is Pope Francis' message?
- This is a letter from Pope Francis to every person on the Earth, and to you. How will you respond to this letter from the Pope?

**Prayer of the Faithful:** *As God's people, one of our responsibilities, after we have listened to the readings, is to pray for the needs of the whole world.*

Let's think about and pray for the needs of others.

**For the Church** – that we will try to follow Jesus in all we do.

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

**For the world's leaders** – that they will act urgently to address climate change.

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

**For people who are insulted or discriminated against** – that they will respond with forgiveness and love.

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

**For people who suffer from natural disasters** – that floods, fires and other disasters, help people grow in unity and desire for good.

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

**For all people** – that we will learn how to live simply, avoid buying more than we need, and live in harmony with nature.

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

### Concluding Prayer

Loving God, make us one. O God, in acknowledging Jesus the Christ. As we proclaim him by our words, let us follow him in our works; give us strength and courage to take up the cross and be prepared to lose our lives for Christ's sake. We ask this through ... **AMEN**

**READER:** And now let us pray together as Jesus taught us: Choose Māori or English

*The Lord's Prayer in Māori at this link* <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy/mass-readings-in-te-reo/>

*Words will show on the screen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**Reader** Let's pray together this *Prayer for our Earth*, by Pope Francis

*All-powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen*

**READER - Discussion:** This is Social Justice week, week 2 of Creation Season and te Wiki o te Reo Māori. What action could we take, either individually or as a family or community?

**Reader:**

Thank you for your kindness. Thank you for your participation.  
Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.  
Let us go in peace, loving and serving God by caring for our planet and for one another.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**SONG:**

Kids: (You might want to dance along!) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6o85lQUBbE>

Youth: Good Grace <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhKSRIvDFlo>

Adults: All the Ends of the Earth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WURSnRG-bkQ>

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