



Liturgy of the Word for Individuals, Families & Communities

Body and Blood of Christ Sunday Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

Prepare a prayer focus and light a candle.

SIGN OF THE CROSS: Ki te ingoa...

READER: Kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou -- The Lord be with you

ALL: Ki tōu wairua anō hoki -- And also with you

READER:

Welcome everybody. Today is the Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is also a day of prayer for refugees and migrants. Though we are many parts, we are one body, the body of Christ. Let's remember this as we sing together.

We Are Many Parts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqDeqofK8bY>

One Bread One Body

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHAu3fLF7NI>

READER: Jesus, you draw us to yourself and fill us with yourself. You make us your own body. Make us one with you and with each other.

You feed us with you own body

Lord have mercy

(All) Lord have mercy

You quench our thirst with your own blood

Christ have mercy

(All) Christ have mercy

You give us words to praise and thank you

Lord have mercy

All) Lord have mercy

OPENING PRAYER: Ka inoi tatou – let us pray. *In this time of silence, we bring to mind all the things we want to pray for. (Allow silence, 1 minute)*

Generous God, you give yourself to us so that we might be one in you. You love us and feed us as your own. It is your own body that gives us life. Bring us to fullness of life in you. Renew us we pray, that we might imitate your perfect love in all we do. Through Jesus our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we pray.

ALL: Amen

FIRST READING Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
the creator of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who delivered your foes into your hand."

Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

ALL: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - 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.*

Discuss - What thoughts or questions arise as you listen to this reading.

PSALM:

Psalm 110

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MK-jl8ml-BI>

Youth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=as61sdavz5E>

Adults

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9rhTlnAxGo>

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Ko te kupu a te Ariki - The Word of the Lord

ALL: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua - Thanks be to God

Silence - Follow the reading with quiet thinking time.

Discussion starter – What did St Paul (the writer of 1 Corinthians) receive?

GOSPEL: Luke 9:11-17

Reader Kia noho te Ariki - The Lord be with you

All Ki tōu wairua anō hoki – And also with you

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured.

As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said,

"Dismiss the crowd

so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."

He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves."

They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

Now the men there numbered about five thousand.

Then he said to his disciples,

"Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."

They did so and made them all sit down.

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,

and looking up to heaven,

he said the blessing over them, broke them,

and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

They all ate and were satisfied.

And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

Reader 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.

→ **Children's Reflection on the Gospel** – Listen to the Gospel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6rjgcAJrWE>

Discuss – What do you think it might have been like to be there on that day?

→ **Adults / Youth - Reflection / Discussion** – What part of this reading draws your attention, and why?

Catholic teaching on Refugees <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LwlyTiJpV7Y>

Prayer of the Faithful: As God's people we pray for the needs of the whole world.

For the Church – that when seeds of hatred and violence take root in societies, prophets will speak out, and the People of God, listening and striving to imitate Jesus, will walk the path of unity and love.

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

For leaders of nations – that they act in wisdom and ardently seek an end to all human trafficking.

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

For refugees and Migrants – that they will be made welcome, that there will be a place for them to call home and that we open our hearts to the plight of refugees and migrants.

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

For the farmers, miners and horticulturalists of our nation – that care for the land and humane care for animals will be priorities in the way land is worked and food produced.

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

For people who suffer loss in the face of natural disaster – that they not be overwhelmed by grief or despair but find strength in community and comfort in the practical support of people.

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

Concluding Prayer (Priest)

You desire, O God, to feed your people. We are your people who have come to your table today. Hear the prayers we bring you so that all may come to live in the fellowship of your love. We ask this through Christ, who feeds us with his own body and blood and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **AMEN**

READER: Prayers for Refugees

A Prayer for Refugees, Catholic Diocese Auckland <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kYvhoGqvGBA>

Watch this video and pray the prayer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zC3rHRTzbbE>

Pope Francis' Prayer for World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Father, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will.

All: Amen

READER: Let's pray the Lord's prayer together. The Lord's Prayer in Te Reo Māori.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU1GNEVohYY>

Or the Lord's Prayer in English.

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: Thank you for your participation in this Liturgy of the Word, thank you for your kindness and presence. We are one body, the Body of Christ. May your dwelling place and comfort be in the heart of the God, the heart of love without end. May we be messengers of God's love, peace and forgiveness in the world today.

Kia tau te rangimārie ki a koutou – Peace be with you.

Let us go in peace, loving and serving God in all we do.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Song **A Place Called Home** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bN4jyuoUPxc&t=302s>