



# Liturgy of the Word for Individuals, Families & Communities

## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time *Day of Prayer for Seafarers*

*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:**

Tēnā Koutou Katoa / Good morning and welcome. 'Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "make ready quickly three measure of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.'" Just like Abraham and Sarah, we are called to the work of hospitality, to act with a sense of generosity and welcome toward each other and toward the newcomer. Today is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time. Let's sing together.

**All are Welcome**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUoKoVKnR68>

**READER:** Jesus, you are the one who stands at the door and knocks so that we might make you a welcome guest in the quiet depths of our soul.

You are the stranger who comes to us

Lord have mercy

**(All)** Lord have mercy

You are the one who welcomes

Christ have mercy

**(All)** Christ have mercy

You are the guest whom we dwell with everyday

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, those things which weigh heavily on our hearts. (Allow silence, 1 minute)*

God who makes welcome the stranger, grant to us too, a heart of hospitality and welcome, so that we might console the troubled, feed the hungry and bind up the broken.

May we follow you faithfully, imitating Christ in all we do. Through Jesus our Lord and in the unity of the Holy Spirit we pray.

**ALL: Amen**

**FIRST READING** Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre,  
as he sat in the entrance of his tent,  
while the day was growing hot.

Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby.

When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them;  
and bowing to the ground, he said:

"Sir, if I may ask you this favour,  
please do not go on past your servant.

Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet,  
and then rest yourselves under the tree.

Now that you have come this close to your servant,  
let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves;  
and afterward you may go on your way."

The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said."

Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah,

"Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls."

He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer,  
and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it.  
Then Abraham got some curds and milk,  
as well as the steer that had been prepared,  
and set these before the three men;  
and he waited on them under the tree while they ate.

They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?"  
He replied, "There in the tent."  
One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year,  
and Sarah will then have a son."

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** - Abraham considered it a 'favour' or blessing that these three should stay with him a while and that he could provide for them. How does this compare to your experience of guests?

**PSALM:**      *Psalm 15*      *They who do justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*  
                 *Children*      <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WzCDuohedUs>  
                 *Youth*      <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma6rogQzGgo>  
                 *Adults*      [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA\\_dlsYQj3o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qA_dlsYQj3o)

### **Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28**

A reading from the book of Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,  
and in my flesh I am filling up  
what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ  
on behalf of his body, which is the church,  
of which I am a minister  
in accordance with God's stewardship given to me  
to bring to completion for you the word of God,  
the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past.  
But now it has been manifested to his holy ones,  
to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory  
of this mystery among the Gentiles;  
it is Christ in you, the hope for glory.  
It is he whom we proclaim,  
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom,  
that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

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

**Discussion starter** – What is the 'mystery' to which Paul refers. Where is Christ?

### **GOSPEL:**      *Luke 10:38-42*

**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 entered a village

where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.

She had a sister named Mary

who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.  
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,  
"Lord, do you not care  
that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?  
Tell her to help me."  
The Lord said to her in reply,  
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the better part  
and it will not be taken from her."

**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=oCcYFPPRW6A>  
What differences do you notice between Mary and Martha?

→ **Adults / Youth - Reflection / Discussion** – What is the 'better part' Mary has chosen?

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

**Prayer of the Faithful**

**For the Church** – that each parish and faith community be a place of hospitality and welcome, where people are generous in their attention to the presence and needs of others.

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

**For leaders of nations** – that they recognize the uneven distribution of wealth among countries and strive to meet the needs of the poorest people, in the poorest nations.

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

**For people who do not have enough food** – that we learn to share what we have with the hungry.

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

**For all who provide care for the poor, the vulnerable, the abused, the sick or the dying** – that their work be fruitful, bringing forth compassion, tenderness and justice.

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

**For all the clubs and volunteer groups that exist in our country** – that the generosity of their service be marked with a genuine sense of hospitality that welcomes the stranger and upholds human dignity.

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

**For school holidays** – that it will be a time of refreshment for teachers, children, and families.

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

**Concluding Prayer (Priest)**

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your Word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Reader: let's pray for our world**

**Some parts of the world are facing extreme flooding, while other parts suffer intense heat waves. In some places, crops have failed, and people are without food. Let's pray Pope Francis' Prayer for the Earth.**

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.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 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 Go now in Peace**

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