

# **7 September 2025** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Nau mai, haere mai. Our liturgy begins on page 404 of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

The musical setting is Darke in E

Processional Hymn: Common Praise 6 – New every morning is the love

#### Collect:

Servant God, grant us opportunity, give us willingness to serve you day by day; that what we do and how we bear each other's burdens, may be our sacrifice to you. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18** (ANZPB-HKMoA) – at 10am the psalm is sung by the choir

- 1. Lord you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit down and when I stand up, you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2. You mark my path, and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3. Even before there is a word on my tongue you Lord know it altogether.

- 4. You guard me from behind and before: and cover me with your hand.
- 5. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6. Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 13. I will praise you, for you are awesome and wonderful: marvellous are your works, and you know me through and through.
- 14. My body was not hidden from you: when I was being fashioned in secret, and woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 15. Your eyes looked at my body: while it was as yet imperfectly formed.
- 16. In your book all the days of my life were written: while as yet there was not one of them.
- 17. How deep are your thoughts O God: and how great is the sum of them.
- 18. If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: to finish the count, my life-span must needs be equal to yours.

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

**Gospel Hymn:** Common Praise 418 –

Father, Lord of all creation

**Gospel:** Luke 14:25-33

Lord's Prayer: On page 418 in Te Reo Māori

Offertory Hymn: Common Praise 40 -

Ye servants of the Lord

Communion Motet: If Ye Love Me - Aston

Recessional Hymn: Common Praise 538 -

O Jesus, I have promised

# Today at 2.30pm, here in the Cathedral, an Octavius Concert – Moonlight and Magic.

This concert will have their usual superb variety of songs and will be looking forward to spring and summer – 'imagine a musical picnic under the stars!'

Adults \$25, seniors and students \$20

- Ministry with children is available at the 10am Eucharist during the Sermon and Prayers of the People. This group moves to the back of the Cathedral during the Gospel hymn and returns for the Peace.
- **Prayer ministry** is available at the 10am Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel during the communion time.
- **Communion is offered in both kinds** (bread and wine) though feel free to receive only the bread.
- We do not, for health reasons, dip the bread in the wine.
   This makes it safer for us all.
- Gluten free wafers are available from the person administering the bread at 10am. If needed at 8am please let us know before the service starts.
- We invite you to stay for morning tea after the service

#### PRAYER AND WORSHIP THIS COMING WEEK

#### **Tuesday to Friday**

9am, Morning prayer in the Resurrection Chapel

### Tuesday

10.30am, Eucharist in the Resurrection Chapel, followed by morning tea.

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## A thought from today's sermon:

Jesus' words remind us that discipleship has a cost. "Hate" is a deliberately strong word, but it's less about antagonism than about the choices we make. It's about love of God versus other claims on our lives, even those of the closest obligations. ... It's about priorities, about having a love for Jesus which makes all other loves shrink in comparison. Jesus reminds us that we have choices, and those choices matter.