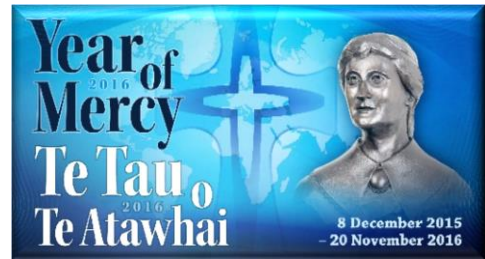


**Whakamoemititia
te Tau o te Atawhai**
Thanksgiving for
the Year of Mercy



Kia tuwhera tonu mai ngā Kūaha o te Atawhai
Keep the doors of Mercy open wide

Welcome

Leader: We cannot close te Kūaha o te Atawhai the Door of Mercy,
but cry out:
Kia tuwhera tonu mai ngā Kūaha o te Atawhai - Keep the doors of
Mercy open wide.

**All: Kia tuwhera tonu mai ngā Kūaha o te Atawhai - Keep the
doors of Mercy open wide.**

Himene:

E pai ana, amene, E whakahau, amene, E whakaae ana whakanuia,
amene.

Amen we affirm, amen we encourage, amen we bless and we
celebrate, Amen. © Used with permission by Cynthia Serjak rsm

Sung response to Thanksgiving Litany:

E te Ariki whakarongo mai ra kia matou



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He Inoi Tatou

Let us pray together Pope Francis' Prayer for our Earth from Laudato Si`

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 recognise 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.

Himene: Spirit God of all Creation (Tune: Guide me o Thou Great Redeemer)

Spirit God of all Creation, Te Wairua welcome here.
We, your people of the mountains, rivers, forests, and the air,
Gather now to sing in honour,
In God's presence make us one,
In God's presence make us one.

Here we gather in thanksgiving for God-with-us in our lives.
One in joy for all you bring us, one in hope for all the world.
Holy Spirit searching fire,
Lead us in our song of praise,
Lead us in our song of praise.

Te Wairua, gentle wisdom, you who know the depths of God.
Having guided those before us, lead us now to know the Way.
Make us open to the Gospel,
Living witness to the Word,
Living witness to the Word.

Holy Trinity we call you; mighty God and source of all.
Here redeemed is your creation, Jesus Christ our saving Lord.
Te Wairua, Holy Spirit,
Fill us with your loving power,
Fill us with your loving power.

Composer: John Hughes 1873 – 1932 (Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer)
Lyrics Joe Grayland (Used with permission by Sisters of Mercy for all time)
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We welcome Advent



Advent Himene: Mō Maria

Mō Maria aianeī, ō tātou waiata;
Kia kaha rā tātou, kia nui te aroha. (2x)

For Mary now, our songs.

Let us be strong, let there be great love

Kei ā koe te A-tua, I whiriwhiria koe,
Hei Whaea pū anō, Mō Hēhu Atua pono
Mo Maria....

The Lord is with you,

You are chosen as the Mother of God.

Composer: W Howard Doane 1832-1915 (Precious Name)
Lyrics: Jean Baptiste Francois Pompallier 1802 – 1871
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Blessing:

May Advent hope: light a candle where shadows fall in our lives.

Amene

May Advent hope: call us forth in mercy to hear te tangi a
Papatuānuku me te tangi a hunga rawakore - the cry of Earth and the
cry of the Poor. ***Amene***

May Advent hope: kia tuwhera tonu mai ngā Kūaha o te Atawhai -
keep open wide our Doors of Mercy. ***Amene***

May Advent hope: be known to us in Hehu Karaiti, God-with-us, to
transform our living. ***Amene***

Leader: E te Atua Manaaki ki a tatou katoa

May God Bless us

All: Whakamoemiti ki te Atua

Thanks be to God