

Monday Morning

Theme

Hallowed be your name on earth as in heaven.

*Kia tapu tōu ingoa ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.*

Call to Worship

Always be joyful, pray continually;
give thanks, whatever happens.

Gospel Reflection

Hear Jesus' words:

When you do a kindness,
hide from your left hand what your right is doing.
Your good deed must be secret.

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When you pray, pray privately alone,
when you fast, don't make a show of it,
don't do it to be seen;
and your Father who sees in secret
will reward you.

Would any of you who are parents
give your child a wētā when asked for a fish?
Bad as you are, you know what to give your children;
how much more will the heavenly Father
give to those who ask.

Believe what Jesus says,
God is generous; God is good.

Silence for meditation.

Epistle Reflection

E te whānau, let us love one another,
because love is from God.
We love because God loved us first,
and everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
If we do not love the people we have seen,
it cannot be that we love God, whom we have not seen.
God is love;
those who dwell in love are dwelling in God,
and God in them.

The reading or readings may follow here.

Prayers

Our Father,
hallowed be your name
on earth as in heaven.

E tō mātou Matua,
kia tapu tōu ingoa
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Holy One, holy and eternal,
awesome, exciting and delightful in your holiness;
make us pure in heart to see you;
make us merciful to receive your kindness,
and to share our love with all your human family;
then will your name be hallowed on earth as in heaven.

Lord God,
when you give to us your servants any great matter to do,
grant us also to know that it is not the beginning,
but the continuing of it, until it is thoroughly finished
which yields the true glory.

God of work and rest and pleasure,
grant that what we do this week may be for us an offering
rather than a burden;
and for those we serve, may it be the help they need.

Amen.