

Wednesday Morning

Theme

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

*Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.*

Call to Worship

Make full use of the present opportunity.

Give thanks every day for everything.

Gospel Reflection

We cannot serve God and money;
we cannot be slave to two masters.

So we shall enter by the narrow gate.
The gate is wide that leads to perdition, and many go that way.
But the gate to life is small, the road is narrow,
and those who find it are few.

If we want to be with Jesus,
we must forget ourselves, carry our cross and follow.
If we want to save our life we will lose it
but if we lose our life for Christ and for the gospel,
we will save it.

With us it is impossible, but not for God.
Only God can save us.

Silence for meditation.

Epistle Reflection

In everything we do,
in our troubles, difficulties and hardships
we show we are God's servants.
By purity, patience and kindness,
by the Spirit and by our love,
and by our message of truth,
we show ourselves for what we are.
We may seem poor, but we make many rich;
we seem to have nothing,
but we possess all that there is to have.

The reading or readings may follow here.

Prayers

Our Father,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.

*E tō mātou Matua,
kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.*

Creator of the universe, infinite and glorious,
you give us laws to save us from our folly;
give us eyes to see your plan unfolding,
your purpose emerging as the world is made;
give us courage to follow the truth
courage to go wherever you lead;
then we shall know blessings beyond our dreams;
then will your will be done.

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day;
keep us from falling into sin or running into danger,
and guide us to do always what is right in your eyes.

Holy and enabling Spirit,
give wings to our morning prayers.
May those we support and cherish with our love
receive your grace to help them in their need.

Amen.