

## Wednesday Evening

### 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

Kneel in prayer to the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth  
takes its name;  
that out of the treasures of glory  
God may grant us strength and power  
through the Spirit in our inmost being;  
that Christ, through faith,  
may dwell in our hearts in love.

### Gospel Reflection

Jesus, friend of sinners,  
you call us to love our enemies,  
to do good to those who hate us,  
to bless those who curse us,  
and pray for those who treat us badly.

Jesus, reconciler,  
when someone slaps us on the cheek,  
you call us to offer the other;  
when someone takes our coat,  
you bid us give our shirt as well;  
when someone takes what is ours,  
we may not demand it back.

Jesus, Son of God, our friend and brother,  
when we love our enemies and do good  
we are children of God,  
who is kind to the wicked and ungrateful.

Jesus, teacher without peer,  
you have turned the world upside down.

*Silence for meditation.*

### Epistle Reflection

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by whose loving kindness we have been born anew;  
born to a living hope  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead;

born to an inheritance which will never perish  
or be frittered away,  
but is kept for us in heaven.

We rejoice, though now we suffer trials,  
so that our faith, tested by fire,  
may resound to the praise and glory and honour of God.

*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.

Thanks to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the cruel pains and insults you have borne for us;  
for all the many blessings you have won for us.  
Holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

God of peace,  
be with us through this night which waits for us;  
bless us if it brings us sleep;  
support us if it brings us pain or anxiety,  
till we come once more to the morning light of another day.

**Amen.**