

Thursday Morning

Theme

Give us today our daily bread.

Hōmai ki a mātou āianeī

he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Call to Worship

None of us lives and none of us dies for ourselves alone.

Living or dying we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus, you are the bread of life;
those who come to you will never be hungry;
those who believe in you will never thirst.
You are the living bread from heaven;
the bread you give is your own flesh,
and you give it for the life of the world.

All who eat your flesh and drink your blood
live in you and you in them;
for your flesh is the food we need,
your blood is our salvation;
all who eat your flesh and drink your blood have eternal life.

Look to Jesus in the wilderness,
breaking bread and feeding the multitude.

Silence for meditation.

Epistle Reflection

E te whānau.
Sparse sowing, meagre reaping;
but if we are generous, bountiful will be the harvest.
So let us give what we can,
not with regret, nor from a sense of duty.
God loves a cheerful giver.

And when we help others, we will not just meet their needs,
we will unleash a flood of gratitude to God.
Many will give glory to God
for our loyalty to the gospel and for our generosity.
God loves a cheerful giver.

The reading or readings may follow here.

Prayers

Our Father,

give us today our daily bread.
E tō mātou Matua,
hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

God of seed and growth and harvest,
creator of need, creator of satisfaction;
give us, we pray, our daily bread,
sufficient and assured for all.
Give us also, we pray, the bread of life,
and we shall have a care to feed the hungry,
and to seek for peace and justice in the world.
Help us, then, to remember and to know
that you are our life today and every day;
you are the food we need, now and for ever.

God,
give us work till our life shall end,
and life till our work is done.

Look kindly on our world, our God,
as we suffer and struggle with one another.
Look kindly on your Church,
driven by the same necessity;
and may the light we have seen in Jesus
illuminate and brighten all the world.
Amen.