

Friday Evening

Theme

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

*Murua ō mātou hara,
me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.*

Call to Worship

Well we know that it was no perishable stuff,
like gold or silver, that bought our freedom.
The price was paid in precious blood, the blood of Christ.

Gospel Reflection

Why do we look at the speck in someone else's eye
but ignore the log in our own?
The measure we use for others, God will use for us.

If we do not judge others, God will not judge us;
if we do not condemn others, God will not condemn us;
if we forgive, God forgives us even more;
so let us give, and God will give to us a full measure,
a generous helping, poured into our hands,
more than we can hold.
The measure we use for others,
God will use for us.

Jesus, you are the giver and the gift.

Silence for meditation.

Epistle Reflection

Once we were God's enemies, far away from God;
but now by the Son's death, God has made us friends.

Through the Son,
God has reconciled and won back the universe;
God made peace through Jesus' death on the cross.

God has reconciled all things on earth and in heaven;
so we preach Christ to all the world.

The reading or readings may follow here.

Prayers

Our Father,
forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

E tō mātou Matua,
murua ō mātou hara,
me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Saviour, hanging on the cross declaring God's love to us,
you are forgiveness.

Beside you hangs a thief,
beneath you waits Mary the forgiven,
and all around watch those many people
to whom you give new life and hope.

To us you give new life and hope.
Forgiven sinners become your body and your Church;
may the reconciliation we share
bring your gospel to all the world.

God,
you call us to serve you with all the strength we have:
you are faithful to those you call;
may Jesus' resurrection raise us if we stumble,
the Christlight beckon us if we lose our way,
and we shall have strength once more
to walk with you to the cross.

Preserve us, O God, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in your peace.

Amen.