

Saturday Morning

Theme

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

*Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia,
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.*

Call to Worship

The time has come for the judgment to begin;
it is beginning with God's own household.

Gospel Reflection

We must be on our guard.
We could be taken to court;
we could be summoned to appear
before the authorities, to testify for Jesus.
The gospel must be proclaimed to everyone.

If we are arrested and taken away,
we should not worry beforehand what to say;
when the time comes, say what is given;
we shall not be the speakers, but the Holy Spirit.

Jesus asked in the garden that the cup might pass from him;
Jesus drank the cup and walked the way of the cross.

Silence for meditation.

Epistle Reflection

E te whānau, if Christ's name is flung in our teeth
we should count ourselves happy,
because that glorious Spirit,
the Spirit of God, is resting upon us.

If we suffer, let it not be for murder, theft or sorcery,
nor for infringing the rights of others;
but if we suffer as Christians
we should feel no disgrace,
but confess that name to the honour of God.
It gives us a share in Christ's sufferings.
That is cause for joy!

The reading or readings may follow here.

Prayers

Our Father,
save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

*E tō mātou Matua,
aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia,
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino.*

Giver of the present, hope for the future:
save us from the time of trial.

When prophets warn us of doom,
of catastrophe and of suffering beyond belief,
then, God, free us from our helplessness,
and deliver us from evil.

Save us from our arrogance and folly,
for you are God who created the world;
you have redeemed us and you are our salvation.

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves
to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our bodies
and inwardly in our souls,
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul.
God of opportunity and change,
praise to you for giving us life at this critical time.
As our horizons extend, keep us loyal to our past;
as our dangers increase, help us to prepare the future;
keep us trusting and hopeful,
ready to recognise your kingdom as it comes.
Amen.