

Morning Prayer – Monday, May 4, 2020

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From: *The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

Theme: Hallowed be your name on earth as in heaven.

Opening Words

(as candle is lit)

Always be joyful, pray continually;
give thanks, whatever happens.

(Be still and aware of the presence of the Divine within and all around)

Gospel Reflection

Hear Jesus' words:

When you do a kindness,
hide from your left hand what your right is doing.
Your good deed must be secret.

When you pray, pray privately alone,
when you fast, don't make a show of it,
don't do it to be seen;
and your Father who sees in secret
will reward you.

Would any of you who are parents
give your child a wētā when asked for a fish?
Bad as you are, you know what to give your children;
how much more will the heavenly Father
give to those who ask.
Believe what Jesus says,
God is generous; God is good.

Silence for meditation.

Epistle Reflection

E te whānau, let us love one another,
because love is from God.
We love because God loved us first,
and everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.
If we do not love the people we have seen,
it cannot be that we love God, whom we have not seen.
God is love;
those who dwell in love are dwelling in God,
and God in them.

Poem – “The Divine Image” by William Blake

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
All pray in their distress;
And to these virtues of delight
Return their thankfulness.

For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
Is God, our father dear,
And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love
Is Man, his child and care.

For Mercy has a human heart,
Pity a human face,
And Love, the human form divine,
And Peace, the human dress.

Then every man, of every clime,
That prays in his distress,
Prays to the human form divine,
Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.

And all must love the human form,
In heathen, Turk, or Jew;
Where Mercy, Love, and Pity dwell
There God is dwelling too.

(a time for reflection on the reading)

Prayers

Thanksgivings and Intercessions

Our Father,
hallowed be your name
on earth as in heaven.

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Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

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Holy One, holy and eternal,
awesome, exciting and delightful in your holiness;
make us pure in heart to see you;
make us merciful to receive your kindness,
and to share our love with all your human family;
then will your name be hallowed on earth as in heaven.

Lord God,
when you give to us your servants any great matter to do,
grant us also to know that it is not the beginning,
but the continuing of it, until it is thoroughly finished
which yields the true glory.

God of work and rest and pleasure,
grant that what we do this week may be for us an offering
rather than a burden;
and for those we serve, may it be the help they need.

Amen.

Spiritual Exercises for today:

- 1) What does it mean to you do “hallow” God’s name.
- 2) Islam attributes 99 names to God found in the Qu’ran – most of the names are descriptive (Most Merciful, Sovereign, The Giver of Peace). Beautiful calligraphy art is made of the 99 names (<https://artzest.org/product/allahs-names/>). What descriptions of God are you most drawn to in the Bible – make art representing some of these descriptions.

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