

#### Welcome

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### Tonight's Overview

Matariki **Ordinary Time** Refugee Sunday July 04 Plastic-Free Month National Bible Sunday July 18 Feast of Mary Magdalene July 22 Social Services Sunday July 25 William Wilberforce d.July 29 Hiroshima Day August August 06 **Transfiguration August 06** World Peace Day August 06 Florence Nightingale d.August 13 Maximillian Kolbe, martyr d.August 14 1st Canterbury earthquake August 04 World Trade Centre bombings, September 11
Maori Language Week, September 13-19
Hildegarde of Bingen, September 17
Suffrage Day, September 19
Battle of Britain Sunday, September 19

**UN International Day of Peace, September 21** 

Season of Creation Sept 01 - October 04

National Poetry Day, September 23

Rā Maumahara National day of Commemoration of the New Zealand wars. October 23

# 0. Matariki (Dates vary in June/July)



# Matariki (Ngā Mata o te Ariki) Ururangi (little eyes)

Hiwaiterangi

Waitī

Waitā .

Pohutukawa

Matariki

Tupu-ā-rangi

Tupu-ā-nuku

#### Matariki: The Māori New Year Matariki: Te Tau Hou Māori

NZ is currently in the midst of celebrating Matariki or the Māori New Year. Specific dates vary from tribe to tribe, and with the festival linked to the rising of the star cluster Pleiades and the Māori maramataka (calendar) being lunar (29 1/2 day months as with Muslims and Jews) with around 355 days, the dates can move.

Matariki is the name for a group of stars, also known as the Seven Sisters or Pleiades (Subaru in Japanese). There are actually about 500 stars in the cluster, but you can only see nine or ten of them without a telescope. You can see the Matariki stars in the eastern sky above New Zealand for most of the year, then in March, they disappear. In the last days of May or in early June, they reappear above the horizon just before dawn. In the traditional Māori maramataka, the new year begins with the first new moon following the appearance of Matariki on the eastern horizon. Usually this takes place in the period June-July.

Matariki can be seen without needing a telescope, because it is one of the closest star clusters to Earth - 420 light years or more than 4 quadrillion (4 000 000 000 ) kilometres away!

Traditionally, it was a time for remembering those who have died, celebrating new life, and planting new crops.

At Matariki we acknowledge the year gone by, prepare and plan for the year ahead and celebrate with kai, kōrero, ceremony and entertainment.

Kites, balloons and fireworks in contemporary celebrations draw our vision closer to the stars.

Psalm 136 is a suitable reminder in mid-winter Matariki of God's love and grace toward us.

Thank God! He deserves your thanks.

His love never quits.

Thank the God of all gods,

His love never quits.

Thank the Lord of all lords.

His love never quits.

Thank the miracle-working God,

His love never quits.

The God whose skill formed the cosmos,

His love never quits.

The God who laid out earth on ocean foundations,

His love never quits.

The God who filled the skies with light, His love never quits.

The sun to watch over the day,

His love never quits.

Moon and stars as guardians of the night, His love never quits.

God remembered us when we were down, His love never quits.

Rescued us from the trampling boot, His love never quits.

Takes care of everyone in time of need.

His love never quits.

## Thank God, who did it all! His love never quits!

# 1. Ordinary Time

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#### JULY 2021 SUN 4 G 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Te Rātapu Tekau mā whā o He wā noa iho

This Sunday

#### **NOVEMBER 2021**

SUN 21 W [R]
Christ the King (or The Reign of Christ) Sunday/Ko te Karaiti te
Kīngī
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Te
Rātapu Toru Tekau mā whā o He
wā noa iho

Last Sunday of Church Year (Sunday before Advent) crivoice.org

liturgy.co.nz

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# Refugee Sunday, 04 July (1st Sunday in July)

#### www.globalgiving.org/learn/world-refugee-day-facts/

10 Eye-Opening Facts To Share On World Refugee Day



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- 1. There are 79.5 million people around the world who have been forcibly displaced—the highest figure ever recorded.
  - 2. 50% of the world's refugees are children.
  - One person is forcibly displaced approximately every two seconds.

### July is Plastic-Free Month



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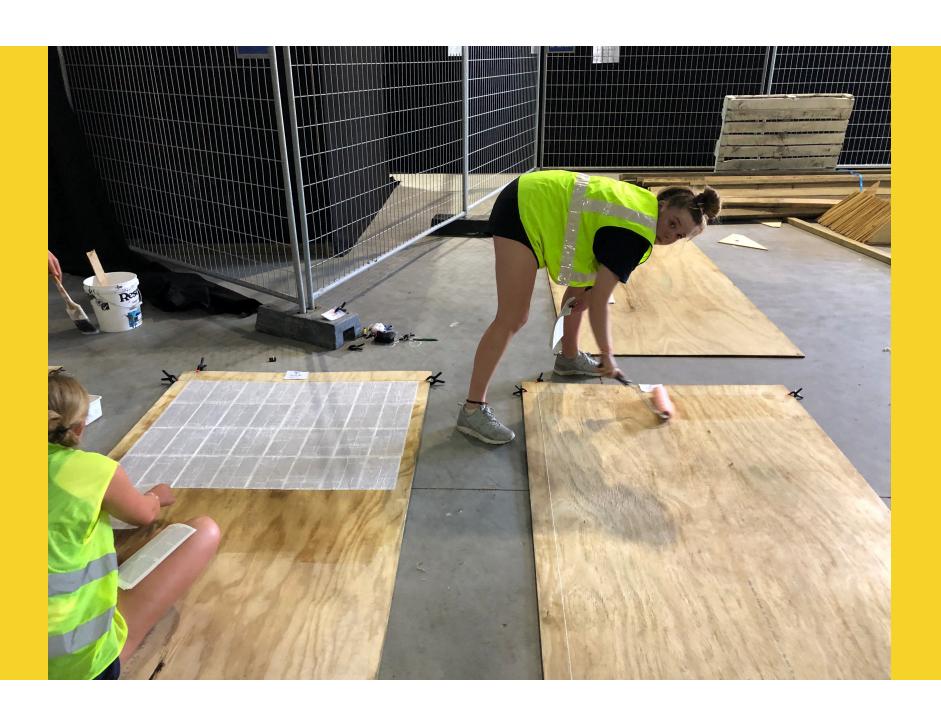
### National Bible Sunday, 18July (3rd Sunday in July)

In Aotearoa-New Zealand July is Bible Month led by the Bible Society.

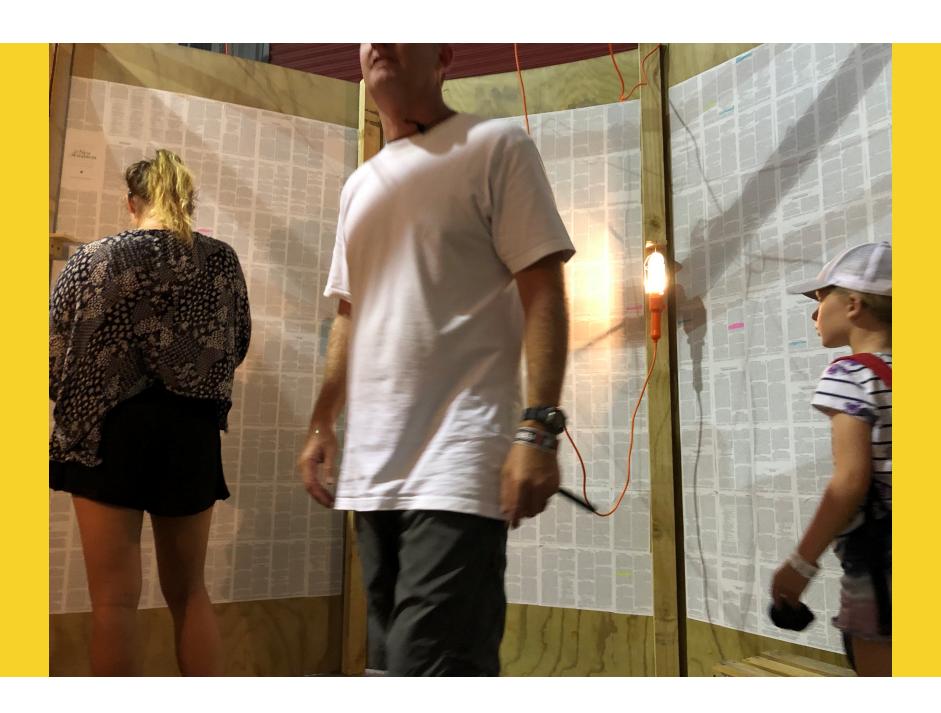
56% of Christians in NZ either rarely engage with the Bible or don't engage with it at all.

(Bible Society statistic)

## https://biblesociety.org.nz/bible-month-2021/#ivideos











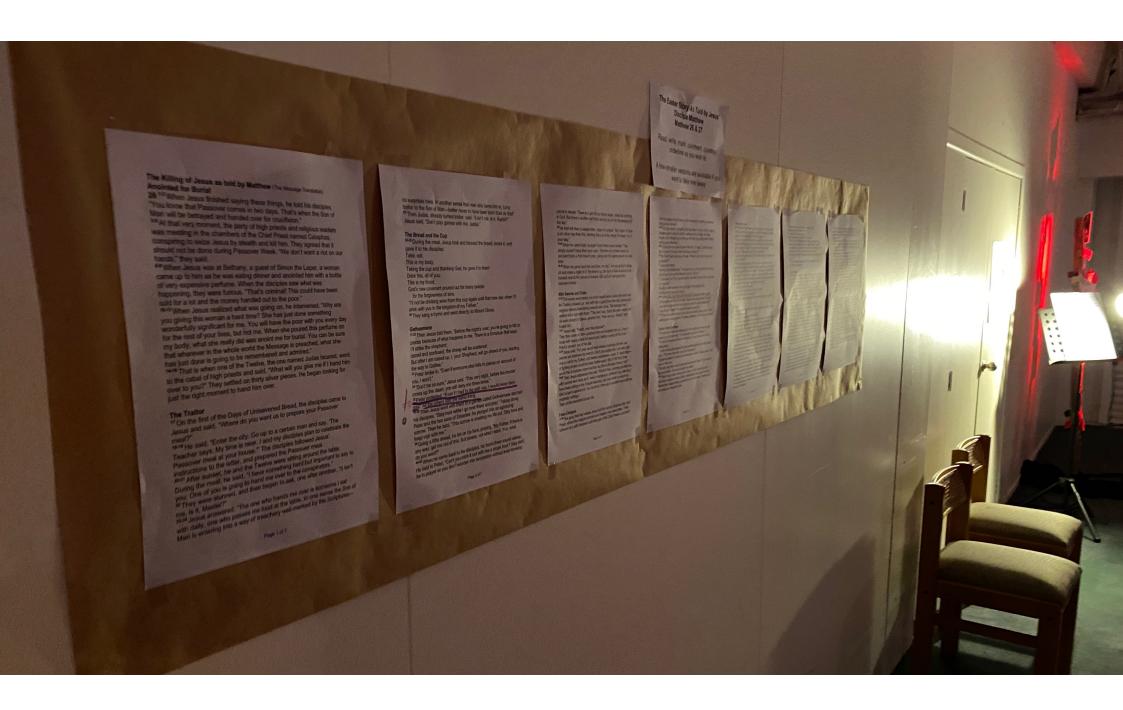
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With us + works wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in to We the inn. Jesus-born as an outcast - identifies with the Lost through our brokeness The Shepherds and the Angels \*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shape around them. Do not fear the hand of night. "An angel of the land appeared to them," and the gary or he test to and they were terrified. "But the angel social them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news God. God. God is good of great joy that will be for all the people. "Index in the town of Dovid a Sovier has been to great joy that will be for all the people." Index in the town of Dovid a Sovier has been to go and the people in the peopl cloths and lying in a manger." 19 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14" Glary to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his lavor rests." Tell's go to Behlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the lard has told us about." Fulfillinesh that proof.

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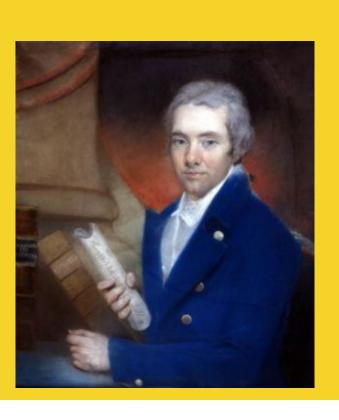
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Feast of Mary Magdalene/ Meri Makarini Tapu 22 July



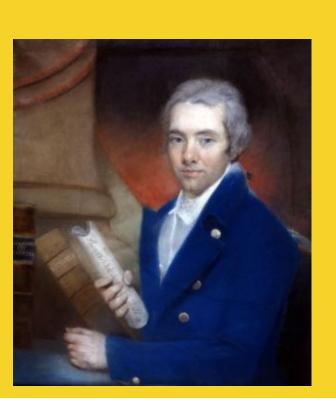
Social Services Sunday, 25 July, (4th Sunday in July)

#### William Wilberforce

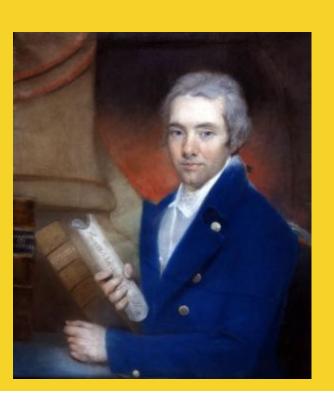


Physically, William Wilberforce was a small man. He was 5'3"(160cm) tall and his chest measured 33"(84cm). But where character was concerned, Wilberforce was a giant.

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"to change the moral climate of the culture"



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40 million people globally are in modern slavery. Clothing. Sugar. Electronics.

It's time to make slavery in our products history.

Sign the petition to urge our government to pass a Modern Slavery Act.

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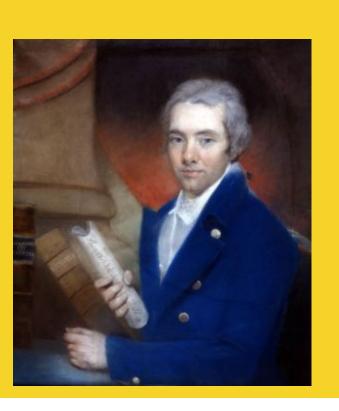


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8, 9, 10.

### Hiroshima Day (1945)

Transfiguration

World Peace Day

06 August



#### **Jesus in His Glory**

About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus, the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem.

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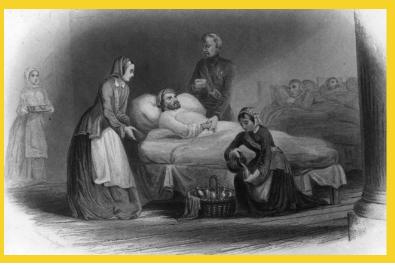
Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, this is a great moment! Let's build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He blurted this out without thinking.

While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: "This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him."

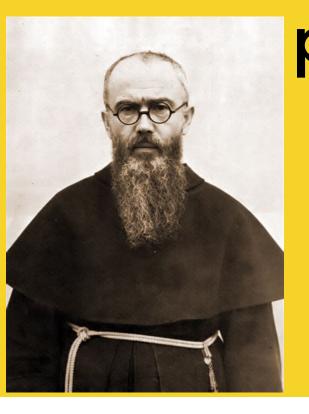
When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.

Penderecki "Threnody to Victims of Hiroshima", 1960 https://liturgy.co.nz/transfiguration-peace-hiroshima-75-years-on

## Florence Nightingale, Nurse/HospitalReformer, d.13 August, 1910



# Maximilian Kolbe, priest/martyr Auschwitz, d.14 August, 1941

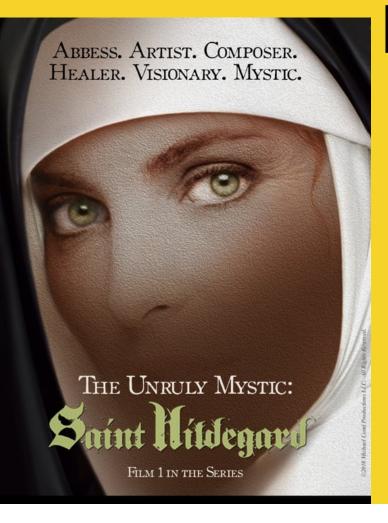


1st Canterbury Earthquake, 04 September, 2010

# World Trade Centre bombings 11 September, 1993

### 15. Maori Language Week, 13-19 September





### Hildegarde of Bingen, d.17 September, 1179

### Suffrage Day, 19 September, 1893

18.
Battle of Britain Sunday,
19 September,
(3rd Sunday Sept)

# 19. UN International Day of Peace, September 21

# Season of Creation (September 01 - October 04)

#### Season of Creation

05 September

12

19

26

03 October (St Francis 04 October)

# Best websites: seasonofcreation.org seasonofcreation.com

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#### Season of Creation

- 05 September. Planet Earth
- 12 Humanity
- 19 Sky
- 26 Mountain
- 03 October. Blessing of Animals

Year C (2022)

Ocean

Animal

Storm

Universe

Blessing of Animals (St Francis of Assisi)

### Year A (2023)

**Forest** 

Land

Wilderness

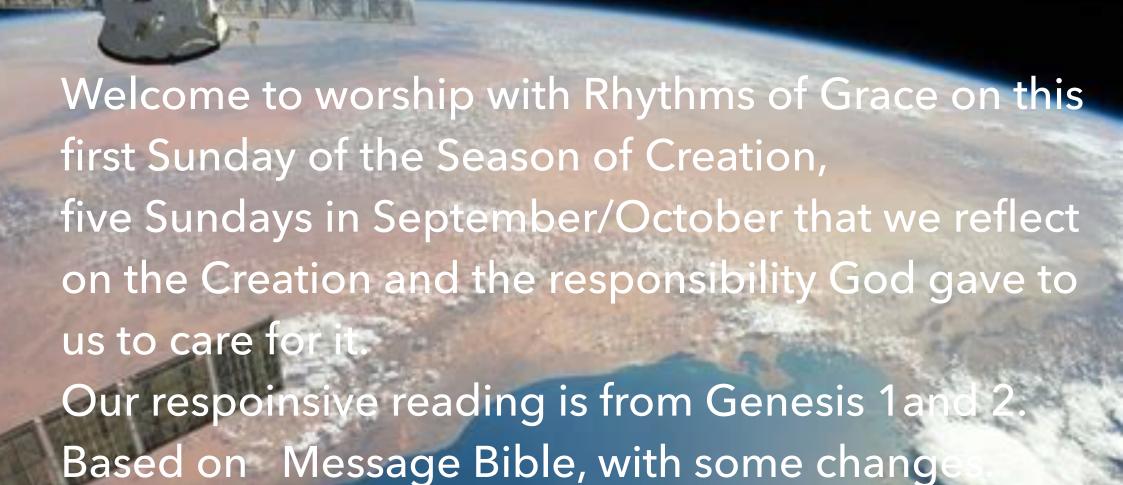
River

Blessing of Animals (St Francis of Assisi)





Based on Message Bible, with some change



#### Heaven and Earth

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth - all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!"

And light appeared.

God saw that light was good and separated light from dark.

God named the light Day; the dark Night.

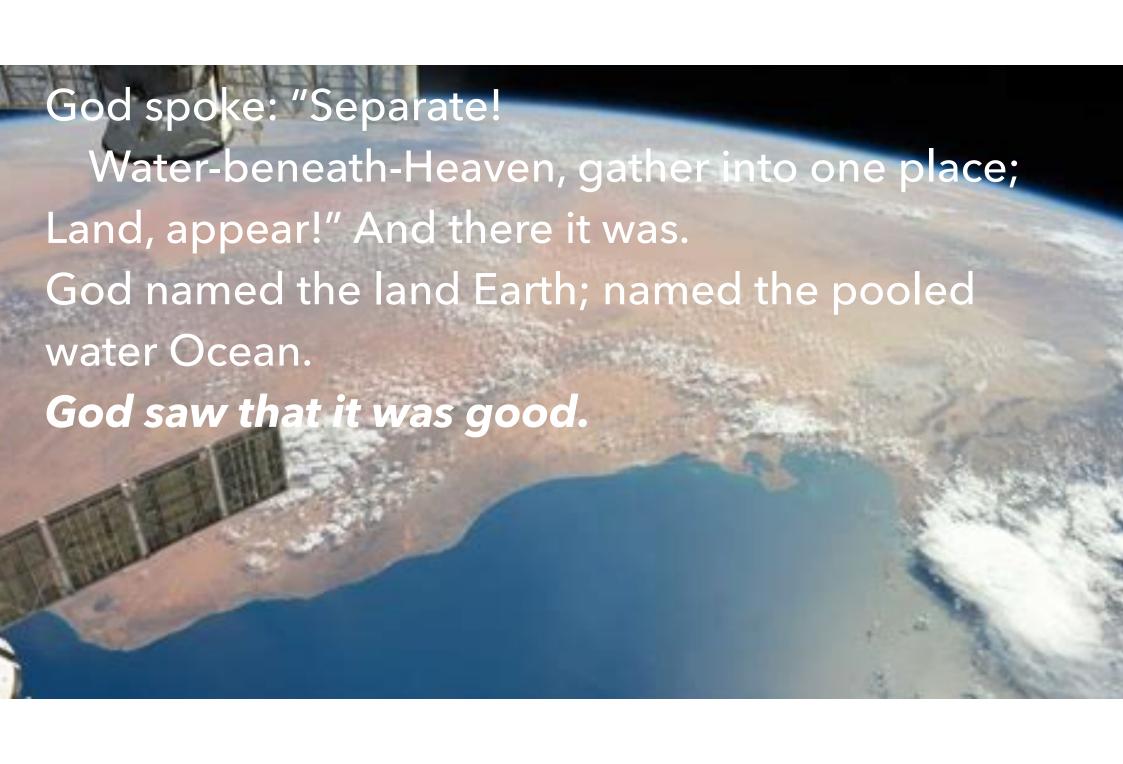
It was evening, it was morning - Day One.

God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from water!"

God made sky - separated the water under sky from the water above sky.

And there it was:

God named sky the Heavens;
It was evening, it was morning - Day Two.



God spoke: "Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants,

Every sort of fruit-bearing tree."

And there it was.

Earth produced green seed-bearing plants, all varieties,

And fruit-bearing trees of all sorts.

God saw that it was good.

It was evening, it was morning - Day Three.

God spoke: "Lights! Come out! Shine in Heaven's sky! Separate Day from Night. Mark seasons and days and years, Lights in Heaven's sky to give light to Earth." And there it was. God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of Day, The smaller to be in charge of Night; and the stars.



God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!" God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters, And every kind and species of flying birds. God saw that it was good. God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean! Birds, reproduce on Earth!" It was evening, it was morning - Day Five.

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and cattle and reptiles and wild animals-all kinds." And there it was: wild animals of every kind, Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good.

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings; created them godlike, Reflecting God's nature.

Created them male and female.

God blessed them:

"Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth."

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God looked over everything made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning - Day Six.

Heaven and Earth were finished,
down to the last detail.
This is the story of how Creation began...

[Silence]

Let us remember "that we ourselves are dust of the earth" (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made of her elements, we breathe her sacred air and we receive life and refreshment from her sacred waters. May we hear it as a promise and a calling.

Turn us O God, from our desire to unroot ourselves from our home in the garden, and from our will to dominate your Earth. Call us again, to till and to keep. Gather us into the power of just relationships that heal and sustain. Enlight by your Spirit that renews the face of your Eal and safeguards a home for all. Amen.

Noah Movie. stop at 2.03, "Father and Mother of us all."

#### NOAH 04https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=gkJdVo-lv6M

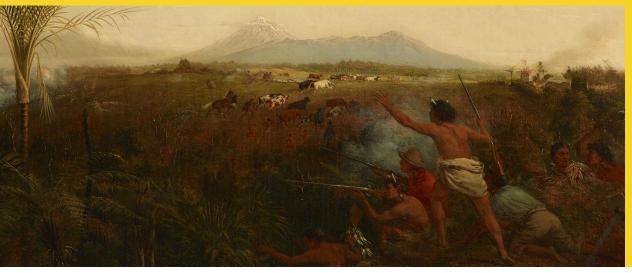
21.

### National Poetry Day, 23 (UK 1st Thursday in October)



#### 22.

# Rā Maumahara National day of commemoration of the New Zealand wars,



October 28 (Since 2017).

#### Summary of events at

https://www.armymuseum.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/28October.pdf

Māmari Stephens wrote "I would hope that we could commemorate the wars with a degree of understanding about the ambivalence and multi-layered complexity of these conflicts. There can be no safe and singular interpretation, and we should resist the temptation to create one. These wars were not a simple matter of good vs evil - our ancestors come from all sides of the blood shed."

#### **Basic Starting Places for Any Special Date...**

- 1. Taking Flight & Kereru Publishing. https://kererupublishing.com/
- 2. Godspace. https://godspacelight.com
- 3. Painted Prayerbook. http://paintedprayerbook.com
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- 6. Liturgy. https://liturgy.co.nz

You are God's servants Gifted with dreams and visions. Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire. Love and serve the Lord in the strength of the Spirit. May the deep peace of Christ be with you, The strong arms of God sustain you, And the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way.

Amen. (Diane Karay Tripp)

#### Questions?

Comments?

## Postlude Have a beneficial week in which you flourish and enable others to do so...

Table gathering – Story sharing – Jesus following

Jesus said to the people around him,

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me.

Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.

Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it.

Learn the unforced *rhythms of grace*.

I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Can't Take My Joy, Michelle Shocked (5.13)

#### Webinar 4: Resources

Basic Starting Places for Any Special Date In Church and NZ Calendar...

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#### Matariki

https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/ (search for Matariki)

#### Mary Magdalene

https://ntweblog.blogspot.com/2013/03/a-celebration-of-mary-magdalene-in.html

New Zealand Prayer Book https://anglicanprayerbook.nz

Poetry: https://northernway.org/school/omm/poems.html

Social Services Sunday

https://revfelicity.org/2014/08/01/sermon-social-services-sunday/

Peace Sunday

https://liturgy.co.nz/peace-sunday

Transfiguration

https://liturgy.co.nz/transfiguration-peace-hiroshima-75-years-on

Maori Language Week

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