

Piripi Taumatākura

May 15

Mīhana nō Ngāti Porou

Piripi Taumata-ā-kura of Ngāti Porou was responsible for introducing the gospel to his people in the East Cape area in the early 1830s. He had been influenced by the gospel in the north, and on his return had taught and preached, using short prayers and hymns, referring to Bible texts written on scraps of paper. He successfully negotiated restraint based on Christian principles in an inter-tribal battle in 1836. He gained great mana among his people and eventually made the way possible for a missionary training team of nine young Māori from Paihia to carry on his work.

SENTENCE

Tēnei te ungā atu nei e ahau tāku karere, māna e whakapai te ara i mua i ahau, e ai te Ihowā. *Maraki 3: 1*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 3: 1*

COLLECT

E Īhu, ko koe nei te ara, te pono, me te mārāma, nā konei tō pononga a Piripi Taumata-ā-kura i māia ai ki te tahu i te ahi o te whakapono i whiti ai te mārāmatanga ki roto i ngā iwi o Te Tairāwhiti. Manaakitia ngā mahi a tō Hāhi ki te hari i tō Rongopai. Tēnā koe te ora nā, te Kīngi tahi nā, me te Atua me te Wairua Tapu, kotahi anō Atua. Āmine.

Loving God, by your grace your servant Piripi Taumata-ā-kura kindled the fire of faith in the hearts of his people. Grant that, strengthened by his example, your church may herald your gospel in every place and bring all people to know you, the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALMS: 67 ; 126

READINGS

Malachi 2:4-7 A faithful priesthood

Acts 18:24-28 The preaching of Apollos

Mark 4:30-34 The parable of the mustard seed

POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE

Mea atu ana a Īhu, “Arohaina ō koutou hoa whawhai, me inoi hoki mō te hunga e whakawhiu ana i a koutou.” *Matiu 5: 44*

Jesus said, “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” *Matthew 5: 44*

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