

Rota Waitoa

May 22

Te Mātāmua o ngā Minita Māori, Kaikawe ki te Tai Rāwhiti

Rota Waitoa came from the Ngāti Raukawa people of Ōtaki and received his initial Christian education from Octavius Hadfield at Waikanae. Later he became Bishop Selwyn's constant companion. He entered St John's College, Auckland, in the 1840s and was noted for his high standard of knowledge, his sincerity and his humility. He was ordained on 22 May 1853, becoming the "first born" of the Māori clergy, and spent his whole ministry at Te Kawakawa (Te Araroa). Rota's memory and his line are woven into the story of Christianity on the East Coast. He died in 1866.

RĀRANGI | SENTENCE

Kia whakakākahuria āu tohunga ki te tika; kia hāmama tāu hunga tapu i te hari. *Waiata 132: 9*

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, O God; and let your faithful people cry out for joy. *Psalm 132: 9*

HE ĪNOI | COLLECTS

E te Atua pono, te kaihōmai i ngā mea pai katoa, nāu i whakarite kia tū te mātāmua o ngā Māori, a Rota Waitoa hei Pirihi, mō te Hāhi. Manaakitia ngā minita katoa, o āu kupu me āu hākarameta tapu i runga i te kaha o te Wairua Tapu. Meinga kia ū tonu rātou hei pononga i roto i tēnei mahi minitatanga, kia whakakorōriatia

ai tōu ingoa, me te whakaoranga o te hunga tapu. Āmine.

God of every race and nation, praise and glory for Rota's ordination to be the first Māori deacon; grant that we may never lack Māori ministers to lead the church's worship. Amen.

NGĀ WAIATA | PSALMS: 11 OR 46

NGĀ PĀNUI | READINGS

2 Samuel 16: 10-13a Anointed for service

1 Timothy 4: 11-16 Spiritual endowment

John 15: 12-17 Chosen by Christ

RĀRANGI WHAKAMUTUNGĀ | POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE

Ko te mea pai i tukua rā ki a koe, me tiaki e koe, arā e te Wairua Tapu e noho ana i roto i a tātou. *2 Timoti 1: 14*

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. *2 Timothy 1: 14*

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