

Samuel Marsden

May 12

Priest and Missionary to New Zealand

Samuel Marsden began the first Christian mission in New Zealand. He was born in 1765 and became chaplain of the penal colony in New South Wales in 1794. There he met and welcomed Māori visitors and conceived the idea of a mission to New Zealand. Having obtained the backing of the Church Missionary Society for his project, Marsden set up the first mission station in New Zealand under the protection of the Ngā Puhi chief Ruatara in the Bay of Islands in 1814. Marsden returned to New Zealand on six further visits to oversee the mission. He died on 12 May 1838.

RĀRANGI | SENTENCE

Tahuri mai ki ahau, kia ora ai koutou, e ngā pito katoa o te whenua; ko te Atua hoki ahau, kāhore kē atu. *Ihaia 45: 22*

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth, says the Lord. *Isaiah 45: 22*

HE ĪNOI | COLLECTS

E te Matua E te Atua kaha rawa, nāu i karangahia a Te Mātenga ki te haria mai te Rongopai Tapu. Tukua te harinui kia rere, kia kua e wehi. Kawea atu te aroha ki ngā topito o te ao. No roto mai a Īhu, tēnei mea te harinui mo mātou. Āmine

Gracious and eternal God, you called Samuel Marsden to lead the first mission to the Māori people; grant that, following in his footsteps, we may bring to this land the good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

NGĀ WAIATA | PSALMS: 96 OR 100

NGĀ PĀNUI | READINGS

Isaiah 49: 1-6 The spread of good news

2 Corinthians 4: 5-10 The pain of apostleship

Luke 2: 8-14 News of great joy

RĀRANGI WHAKAMUTUNGĀ | POST-COMMUNION SENTENCE

Nā, ko koe, e taku tamaiti, kia kaha i runga i te aroha noa i roto i a Īhu. *2 Timoti 2: 1*

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. *2 Timothy 2: 1*

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