

2nd Breakfast, May 10 2026

What is our Inheritance?



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- My "Little Mom"

“Be kind –

and be careful –

**and if you see something like that,
try to get rid of it!”**



“For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from *the empty life you inherited from your ancestors.*

And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.”

- 1 Peter 1:18-19

“You, Lord, are all I have, and you give me all I need;
my future is in your hands. How wonderful are your
gifts to me;
indeed, my inheritance is something beautiful.”

- Psalm 16:6

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.

This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.”

- 1 Peter 1:4

“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...*”

- A New Zealand Prayer Book (*He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*)

- 1) Our inheritance can seem fairly bleak -
"...the empty life you inherited from your ancestors"
- 2) On the other hand - "
...my inheritance is something beautiful."
- 3) An inheritance may seem far off, and unattainable until someone dies
- 4) And on the other hand - (maybe?) we have access to the resources of our inheritance now!

The thief comes only so that he can steal and kill and destroy; I have come so that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

- Jesus (*John 10:10*)

How have you experienced or witnessed something “empty”, difficult or painful become something beautiful, in your own life or that of another, and what do you think made this transformation possible?

Where in your life-story, past or present, can you recognize that the Spirit of God - “Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be...” has been at work, lovingly and creatively, to give the abundant life that is your inheritance?