



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Lent 3

March 27, 2011

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson and everyone in Church today as we meet together to worship God the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

SERVICES TODAY.

8am Holy Eucharist. (The 1662 Liturgy)

10.30am Solemn Eucharist. (The 1989 Liturgy)

Setting: The Taize Mass.

Hymns. Introit. **60** (T. Dunedin) Gradual. **379** Offertory. **374**
Communion. **414** Postcommunion. **376**

Reader. Gay Webb **Intercessions.** Coral Paris **Oblations.** Lorraine Mitchell and Gay Webb. **Sidespersons.** Craig Sutherland and Gay Webb

**The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is offered
in the Lady Chapel at the back of the Church during
Communion.**

**Everyone is invited to Morning Tea and Coffee in the Parish
Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.**

READINGS FOR TODAY.



1st Reading: Exodus 17.1-7.

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!” The LORD answered Moses, “Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”

2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we

stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel: John 4.5-15,19-26,39,40-45.

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said

to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.” Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the saviour of the world.”

Collect:

Almighty God, give us such vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ Our Lord. **AMEN.**

Readings for Next Sunday - Lent 4.

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13/Eph. 5.8-14./John 9.1,6-9,13-17,34-38



Prayer for People in Distress.

God of the desolate and the despairing, your Son, Jesus Christ, bore the cross of suffering that is for us the source of life and healing. Let not the destruction here at home, in Japan, North Africa and the Middle East bring us to despair but rather to find in you a fount of life and a spring of hope that we may fearlessly uphold those who are afflicted, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

PARISH PRAYERS

WE PRAY for the people of Christchurch and surrounding districts devastated by earthquake and loss of life and heritage. We pray especially for Bishop Victoria, the clergy and people of the Diocese of Christchurch as they proclaim God's care for the city and its people.

WE PRAY for the people of Japan as they come to terms with earthquake and flood and nuclear danger. We pray for the recovery response and uphold all affected at this time of tragedy and especially for Bishop John Kato and his devastated Anglican diocese of Tohoku.

WE PRAY for people throughout North Africa and the Middle East at this time of revolution and conflict.

WE PRAY for the sick and infirm, and especially for Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Gary Pearson, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Petersen, Hannah Scott, Beryl Barclay, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Ian Gordon and Fr Bill Schroeder.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, especially Fred Buxton and Doreen Price and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Alexander Nugent Wood.

PARISH NEWS.



The Eucharist will be celebrated at 10am on Thursday in the Lady Chapel.

Observances this week: (28) Stephen of Citeaux.

Donations To The Christchurch Earthquake Bishop's Emergency Appeal: Donations marked 'Christchurch Earthquake Appeal' can be placed in the offertory bag during the collection at each Sunday Eucharist. Details at the back of church and on the Link notice board.

Palm Crosses will be constructed in the Parish Lounge on **Saturday April 16 from 10 am**. Everyone welcome to join in the making of crosses.

Brass Cleaning: Easter Eve, 23rd of April, in the Parish Lounge commencing at **10.30 am**.

Bishop Kelvin's Website can be accessed by Googling ***Available Light***. His blog is widely read and highly regarded. It forms part of the Link Pages on our parish website.

Anglican Missions Lenten Appeal 2011



This year you have the opportunity to give a donation to help vital projects in one or all of 3 Anglican Mission Dioceses:

In Popondota, Papua New Guinea

to provide a dinghy and outboard to enable parishes to be visited, schools and health centres receive supplies.

In the Diocese of Polynesia,

helping the Diocese to help landless people facing eviction from their homes

In Jerusalem and the Middle East

helping the Episcopal Diocese supporting health and education institutions over 5 countries.

You can use your little blue mission boxes and hand them in at Easter, (there are more boxes available in the foyer and at the back of the church if you would like one.)

OR.....

You can use the Lenten envelopes, which will be available each Sunday either in the pews, or in the foyer.

More details about each of these projects and collection details in the coming weeks.



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