



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

2nd Sunday of Easter

May 1, 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.



Hymns: Entrance: 117 **Gradual:** 118 **Offertory:** 105 **Communion:** 276
(2nd tune) **Postcommunion:** 119 (T. 107)

Reader: Jonathan Gillies. **Intercessions:** Kate Paterson. **Oblations:** Lorraine Mitchell and Gaye Webb. **Sidespersons:** Jonathan Gillies and Josephine Weipers.

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

Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

READINGS FOR TODAY.



1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And, day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Collect:

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14, 22-28/1 Peter 1: 17-21/Luke 24: 13-35.

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 recover from 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, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Allan Paris, Muriel Jones and Nellie Bremner.

This Week in the Parish.



The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday at 10 am.

Observances: (1) PHILIP & JAMES (2) Athanasius (3) Invention of the Cross (4) John Houghton & Companions

Combined Dunedin Churches meet *TONIGHT* for a Resurrection Celebration Service at the Dunedin Town Hall, at **7pm. It is 'all age' and all are welcome.**

Organ Recital, this afternoon, at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2.30 pm. The soloist will be Paul Rosoman, President of the NZ Organist's Association. Adults: \$15/ Concessions: \$10/ Children: Free. A donation will be made to NZ Red Cross from the proceeds of the concert.

A Display featuring material from the Parish Consultation is presently situated in the Link. It makes interesting reading!

The new edition of the *Rock* is now available in church and the Link. Don't forget your copy.

Pot-Luck Lunch next Sunday after the 10.30 am Solemn Eucharist. All Welcome.

Harvest Festival next week. Celebrant and Preacher at all services: Fr. John Franklin, Bishop's Chaplain.

Where am I in the Mass?

by Rev'd. Gordon Reid. (Rector of St. Clements Episcopal Church, Philadelphia.)



No, not a bewildered Protestant, but a genuine question we should all ask ourselves. Because, according to how we answer this question will depend our understanding of the Eucharist. And from what I consider the fullest answer comes the greatest joy. First, it is most obvious that in every Mass we repeat the actions of our Lord at the Last Supper. “He took; he blessed; he broke; he gave” describes what he did on the night he was betrayed, and what the priest does in every Mass. And so, in the Mass we sit like the apostles at the table in the Upper Room, hear the Scriptures read and the Blessing said, and then take “the bread of life and the cup of our salvation” from the altar. Secondly, we do more than sit in the Upper Room: we also stand at the foot of the Cross at every Mass. Jesus said the bread was his body, which would be given for us, and the wine was his blood which would be shed for us. The full meaning of what he said that night did not dawn on the Apostles until they saw his body broken on the Cross like a bit of bread, and his blood pouring out like wine into a cup. But Jesus had said “Do this as my memorial” and when they began to do it (at first in that same upper room) they knew they were re-presenting his sacrifice of himself on the Cross. And thirdly, at every Mass we sit at the heavenly banquet in God’s

Kingdom. The first two places, the Upper Room and Calvary, are in the past, and are brought into the present by the actions of the Mass. But the heavenly banquet is in the future, yet it too is brought into the present in the Mass. All we see and all we taste are bread and wine, but in them is contained, as the oak tree is “in” the acorn, the riches of the Kingdom of Heaven. “Eye hath not seen...what shall be revealed”, says St Paul, but every Mass assures us that the whole creation will be transformed by the love of God “for those who love him”. And there’s the utter necessity of the Mass. It is where we charge our batteries to love God by loving our neighbours. We have to share with them the intimacy of the Last Supper, the pain of the Cross and the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead into eternal life. What a Gospel!

*Taken from Fr. Reid’s blog, ‘Reid and Write’ - See our Parish Website for address.

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