



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Patronal Festival

July 3, 2011

Welcome!

A warm welcome to our Celebrant, Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson, our Preacher, Rev. Dr. Pamela Welch 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.



Today Liturgy:

8.00am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30am** Solemn Eucharist (1989)

Mass Setting: The Taize Mass.

Prelude: A Little Prayer (Evelyn Glennie arr. Hoskins.)

Entrance: 205 **Gradual:** 206 **Offertory:** **Communion:** 208 (This is sung *slowly and quietly* until the last verse). **Post-communion:** 413

Postlude: Tuba Tune (C.S.Lang)

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 both the Morning Tea and Parish Pot Luck Luncheon in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

Collect .

Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave your apostle Peter many excellent gifts, and commanded him earnestly to feed your flock: enable, we pray, all bishops and pastors diligently to preach your holy word, and your people faithfully to follow it, that they may receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for Today.



First Reading: 1 Kings 8: 22-30.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

Second Reading: Acts 12: 1-11.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter* went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah,* the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,* and on this rock* I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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

WE PRAY for Fr. Michael Lapsley SSM, and the work of the Institute for Healing Memories in South Africa.

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

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially John Watson, Doris Clara Littler and Beatrice Florence Allen

Prayer for the Parish.



GOD OUR FATHER you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place; send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer, that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Priest for this parish, that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people: ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example In loving obedience to your Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Parish News.



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

Monday Club meets in the Hall from 10 am. Everyone is assured of a warm welcome!

Early Dunedin Churches: Derek and Judith Hamilton have recently produced a fine book on 'Early Churches In and Around Dunedin'. St. Peter's, one of the featured buildings, has been offered the chance to purchase copies of the new book. See the display at the back of church for details.

The Rock. The current issue has been published. Get your copy today!

Thank-you. To all those who happily polished the church brass yesterday and to Gay Webb for her coordinating of the whole exercise (and the chocolates) – the 'glow' resulting from your efforts is greatly appreciated.

Bishop Victoria Matthews: If you have a computer, go to www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/Sunday. There you will find a replay of Chris Laidlaw's interview with Victoria Matthews, Bishop of Christchurch from last Sunday morning. It is a moving, wide-ranging interview in which Bishop Matthews speaks of hope and thanksgiving – even in the aftermath of the earthquakes.

A Concert at Fulton Home. Rebecca Megan Shepherd is a professional singer and teacher of music in Wellington. She is also the daughter of Morris White, one of our parishioners at the Fulton Home. Rebecca is coming to Dunedin, and giving a recital of arias and songs from the shows at Fulton Home, 1.30pm, Friday July 8th. **There is no charge and everyone is welcome. Highly recommended!**

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