



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

5th Sunday after Trinity/Mary Magdalene July 24, 2011

Welcome!

A warm welcome to our Celebrant and Preacher, 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.



Today's Liturgy:

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

Mass Setting: The Taize Mass.

Prelude: Flutes (Jean Langlais)

Entrance: 473 **Gradual:** 482 **Offertory:** 285 **Communion:** See Pebble **Post-communion:** 442 (T. 304)

Postlude: Psalm Antiphon (Marcel Dupre)

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.

Collect.

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: Forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Readings for Today.

First Reading: Ruth 1:1-18.

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view;⁺ even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view,⁺ we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel: John 20: 1-18.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Parish Prayers



WE PRAY for the people of Christchurch and surrounding districts rebuilding homes and lives after the devastation of the earthquakes. 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 Dr Edric Baker and his work training local people to give health care to poor people in Bangladesh.

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, Meg Dunbar, Ruth Brown, Cherry Gordon, Ian Gordon, Fr. Geoff Hughes, and Suzanne Drummond.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Irene Wright, Martha Allen, Beryl Hazelwood and Marie Anna Brown.

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.

Observances: (25) JAMES (26) Anne (27) Titus Brandsma (29) Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

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

The Rock. The new edition of the Rock is published. Copies available in church and the Link.

Christian World Service Appeal. Details of the **urgent appeal** for those affected by the drought in the Horn of Africa are in the Link today.

The Friendship Group meets at St Barnabas Home on Tuesday August 9, commencing with a Eucharist at 11am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon to celebrate the **Guild's 130th anniversary**.

Hall Secretary. Expressions of interest are invited from the congregation for the role of Hall Secretary. Please speak in the first instance to one of the Wardens or to Rita-May Brown.

Concert – 'Music for a Winters Afternoon'. The Melrose Singers and the Southern Children's Choir conducted by Rosemary Tarbottom will present a concert in the St Peter's Hall on Saturday August 13 at 2.30pm. Entry is \$10 and afternoon tea is provided! A poster with full details is on the Link noticeboard.

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A Hymn for the Feast of St Mary Magdalene.



Out of the night where hope had died,
to tomb once sealed, now gaping wide,
the Magdalene made haste, to mourn
and bring her spices through the dawn.

She gazed in disbelief and pain
where Jesus in his death had lain,
until the radiant angel said,
Seek not the living with the dead.

Soon trusting love cast out her fears;
she rose and brushed away her tears.
As first apostle, Mary ran
to tell God's resurrection plan.

Jesus is risen! Mary cries,
Lift up your hearts and dry your eyes,
Jesus is risen--come and see--
and goes before to Galilee.

All glory be to God above,
for Mary's apostolic love,
all praise to God whom we adore
for ever and for evermore. Amen.

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