



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

6th Sunday after Trinity

July 31, 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: Prelude in A (Max Reger)

Entrance: 339 **Gradual:** 276 **Offertory:** 271. **Communion:** See Pebble. **Post-communion:** 391.

Postlude: Fugue in A (Max Reger)

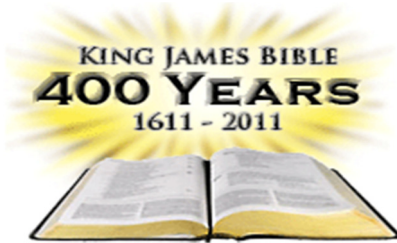
The Ministry of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Lady Chapel at the back of the Church during Communion.

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

Collect for Today:

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings for Today.



First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-13

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel:

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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 Africa and the Middle East at this time of revolution, conflict and famine.

WE PRAY for the people of Norway as they mourn the massacre of the innocents in Oslo.

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, John Steele, 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 Leah Palmer, Dorothy Winifried Lanham and Robert James Stephen.

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: (5) Oswald the Martyr (6) TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD.

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. This is a voluntary position. 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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