



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Trinity 12

September 11, 2011

Welcome!

A warm welcome to 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:

Celebrant and Preacher: Archdeacon Bernard Wilkinson.

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662) **10.30 am** Solemn Eucharist.

Mass Setting: The Taize Mass.

Prelude: *Arioso*. J. S. Bach. (1685-1750)

Hymns: **Introit:** 393 **Gradual:** 66 (T. 304) **After the Sermon:** 209 (T.162)

Offertory: 285 (T. 2) **Communion:** 298 **Post-communion:** Pebble.

Postlude: *In Memoriam*. John Foulds (1880-1939)

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

Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea and the Pot Luck Lunch in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

Collect:

Loving God, your forgiveness transcends whatever wrong exists between us. Grant us the courage to forgive others, and to practice reconciliation by the kindness of our speaking, the sharing of our resources, and the honouring of your desire for good. **AMEN.**

Readings:



First Reading: Genesis 50: 15-21.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while

others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35.

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Parish Prayers.



WE PRAY for the people of the United States as they remember the tragedy of the 9/11 attacks. We pray for a world free of hatred and violence.

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, John Steele, Fr. Geoff Hughes and Suzanne Drummond.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially William Peterson, Peter Palmer, Dorothy Leftwich, Una White, Lillian McGlynn, Edward Cottle, Bette Elliot and those whose faith is known to Christ alone.

WE PRAY for our Parish Nominators: Tubby, Joy, Heather and Ian.

A Meditation on Conflict.

There is a spirit which I feel that delights to do no evil, nor to revenge any wrong, but delights to endure all things, in hope to enjoy its own in the end. Its hope is to outlive all wrath and contention, and to weary out all exaltation and cruelty, or whatever is of a nature contrary to itself. As it bears no evil in itself, so it conceives none in thoughts to any other. If it be betrayed, it bears it, for its ground and spring is the mercies and forgiveness of God. Its crown is meekness, its life is everlasting love..... In God alone it can rejoice.

** James Nayler (1618-1660) An English Quaker.*

News and Notes.



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

Observances: (14) EXALTATION OF THE CROSS (15) Cyprian (16) Ninian

Pot Luck Lunch today in the Parish Lounge after the 10.30am Solemn Eucharist. Everyone invited! Everyone welcome!

Monday Club meets in the Hall from 10 am. A warm welcome to all!

St Peter's Woman's Group: The AAW has transformed into a Friendship group with a warm friendly atmosphere. Members have decided to open the group TO ALL PARISHIONERS. Everyone is welcome to the Pot Luck Dinner, 6pm, Tuesday Sept 26 in the Parish Lounge. Contacts: Raylene Ralston (477-0022 (D/T) 455-9535) Dawn Bachop (455-3933) Gay Webb (476-1613) and Coral Paris (454-3735).

The Rock: Material for the next edition of the Rock is due **TODAY!**

The New Parish Contact List is available at the back of church and in the Link. Please get your copy so we can all stay in touch.

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A Hymn to Commemorate the 9/11 Remembrance.



"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me....
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now, I see.

T'was Grace that taught...

my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear...
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares...
we have already come.
T'was Grace that brought us safe thus far...
and Grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me...
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be...
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been here ten thousand years...
bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise...
then when we've first begun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1805)

Music: "New Britain", William Walker (1809-1875)