



THE PEBBLE

The Anglican Church of Saint Peter, Caversham.

Holy Cross Day

September 18, 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: Fr. Carl Somers Edgar.

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

Mass Setting: The Taizé Mass.

Hymns: Introit: 384 **Gradual:** 379 **Offertory:** 273 **Communion:** 387 **Post-communion:** 272

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 in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Readings:

First Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Parish Prayers.



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, David Hoskins and Suzanne Drummond.

WE PRAY for the Departed, for those who have died recently, those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Minnie Jane Mumford, Betty Prail, Steven Stewart Taylor and Susan Snell.

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

News and Notes.



“Diocesan Synod is in Invercargill this weekend and Ian Condie and I are attending on behalf of the parish. I am truly pleased that Fr. Carl has agreed, at my invitation, to take the services for us today, and I welcome him back to St Peter’s. Welcome, also, to Margaret Murphy who is playing the organ today for David Hoskins who is indisposed.” (Fr. Bernard.)

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

Observances: (19) Theodore of Tarsus **(20)** John Coleridge Taylor **(21)** MATTHEW **(24)** Our Lady of Walsingham.

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).

Vestry meets this Wednesday in the Parish Lounge at 7.30pm.

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