



The Pebble

April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet!

G K Chesterton

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this morning. The Ministry of 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.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist and Procession (The Taizé Mass setting)

HYMNS:

511 Ride on, ride on in majesty!

83 Glory be to Jesus

86 My song is love unknown

87 Nature with open volume stands

94 We sing the praise of him who died

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Mark.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Acts 10:34,37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

Parish News

Palm Sunday occurs today. At the beginning of the 10.30 am Service we will gather outside the Church under the hall veranda for the entry procession. Please bring your Palm Cross and your hymnbook with you. At the conclusion of the entry procession the collect will be sung, and we will sit for the readings. Mark's Passion narrative will be read dramatically, with the congregation taking the crowd's part. This is marked in bold black type in the text provided for you. **Please speak out boldly and in unison at these points in the reading.**

The Ceremonies of Holy Week This Holy Week will see the return of two normative ceremonies in the Paschal Triduum. On **Maundy Thursday** those who wish to can have their feet washed in recollection of Christ's act of service to his closest followers on the last night of his life on earth, as recorded in John's gospel. This will take place in the two front choir pews. On **Good Friday** the veneration of the cross will take place after the dramatic reading of the St John Passion narrative. After a large cross has been carried through the Church, and unveiled at three stations, the congregation is invited to come forward to offer a sign of devotion, such as kissing or touching the cross.

The Descent into Hell Hans Urs Von Balthasar was one of the most original theologians of the 20th century. He argued that God reveals himself principally through the three transcendentals of the beautiful,

the good, and the true. He believed that the most beautiful thing in the world was the life (and death) of Jesus of Nazareth, not in a purely aesthetic sense, but in the sense that the pattern of this life enraptures us, draws us out of ourselves, and into transformative union with God. He saw what took place on the cross as decisively and dramatically changing the nature of human reality, and sought to tease out its full implications in his theology of Holy Saturday. This he thought was a neglected part of the Good Friday/Easter story. But his take on what took place in the descent of Jesus into Hell is controversial, and rather different to those Eastern Orthodox icons of Jesus smashing open the doors of Hell to set free the righteous dead of the Old Testament. To hear more about this come to a lecture on **Monday 2 April at 7.30 pm** at which Fr Hugh will give an introduction to the life and thought of this intriguing Swiss Catholic theologian, and will open up the controversy that swirls around his theology of Holy Saturday. Had he redefined what intimacy is between the Triune persons, or had he ruptured the unity of the Trinity? A Eucharist will precede the lecture at 7 pm. Both are in the Church.

Easter Vigil This Service on Holy Saturday night is the **Liturgy of Liturgies**, the highpoint of the Christian year, and will be kept this year with all the rites and ceremonies of the western Church. Please bring a torch with you, as the Church will be in candlelit darkness for a portion of the Service. It would also be wonderful if you could bring a bell with you to ring during the singing of the Gloria, as we celebrate the gospel proclamation of the Mark's resurrection narrative at the conclusion of the Vigil of Readings.

Patronal Festival. The Patronal Festival will be celebrated on **Sunday 1 July**. The guest preacher will be the Revd Dr James Harding, Lecturer in Old Testament at the University of Otago, and Curate of All Saint's. Dunedin. In order to make more of the Parish's big occasion we will have Choral Evensong on the Saturday evening, followed by a meal in the hall.

Pure Clear Water Concern has been expressed at the quality of water available in the hall kitchen. Accordingly the Vestry have decided to have a new pipe and tap installed together with a filter, which should resolve this issue.

The Rock. The latest edition of the Rock has just been published and awaits your collection at the back of church and in the Link.

Potluck Luncheon: There will be no potluck luncheon next Sunday.

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Brass Cleaning There will be brass cleaning **next Saturday** 7 April, Easter Eve at 10.30 am in the Parish lounge. Your help would be much appreciated.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Louis Hourlier, Nell van Laar, Adrienne Garrod, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Meg Dunbar, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have Died: Adam-Michael Paterson.

Southern Coastal Deanery Appeal for Jesse Bessant **The Hot Cross Buns have arrived and are available for collection at both services today. If you have yet to make your payment, please place it in an envelope marked *Hot Cross Bun Appeal with your name* and place it in the offering box at the back of church. Queries to David Hoskins 455-7537. Over \$500 has been raised across Dunedin parishes participating in the Hot Cross Bun Appeal.**

Services in Holy Week

Monday

7 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

11am Holy Eucharist (at St Barnabas)

Wednesday

7pm Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7pm Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet (St Peter's)

Good Friday

10am The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
(at St Barnabas)

12noon The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
(at St Peter's)

Holy Saturday

6pm Eucharist (at St Barnabas)

8pm Easter Vigil, Service of Light, Sung Eucharist
(at St Peter's)

Easter Day

8am Holy Eucharist

10.30am Solemn Sung Eucharist