

St Peter's Caversham



The Pebble

3 June, 2012

Holy Trinity

Almighty God, dear heavenly Father,
In surpassing wisdom you guide the course of our world.
The world always seeks to escape you, Lord, but with a
gentle hand you guide all things back to you. We thank
you, Lord, and pray that you would guide also the course of
our lives within this world that we might find rest, O God,
in you.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Your surpassing wisdom is revealed in the depths of
human misery and in words and actions that seem foolish
in our eyes. Open our blind eyes to your hidden glory that
shines when it is least expected.

God, Holy Spirit,
You are the Spirit that makes the foolish wise and the weak
strong. Lift us, Holy Spirit, out of our own weakness.
Encourage the weary, gather the scattered, calm the
distracted. God, Holy Spirit, you are the Spirit of joy. Fill
us now with the joy of faith, so that we, free of fear and
timidity, can come out of ourselves and entrust ourselves
fully and completely to you, O Triune God. Amen

Eberhard Jungel

*Prayer for Service of Worship, Stiftskirche, Tübingen,
Cantate Sunday, 5 May 1996*

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this morning.
**The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the
Lady Chapel 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 (The Taizé Mass setting)

HYMNS:

433	O worship the King all glorious above
360	Firmly I believe and truly
295	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
147	Most ancient of all mysteries
343	Bright the vision that delighted

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40.

Romans 8:14-17.

Matthew 28: 16-20.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26.

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled "The Full Stature of the Holy Spirit." The creed, which we say Sunday by Sunday, is the outcome of the Council of Constantinople in 381, which affirmed that the Holy Spirit is a full part of the Godhead, and that the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is the central and essential part of our faith. But this affirmation of the Holy Spirit was hesitant and underdeveloped, listing mostly its functions, and failing to state that it was consubstantial

with the Father, or to explain what the Spirit's relationship is to the Son. In the centuries that followed Western Christianity would emphasise that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Son, and would add the filioque clause to the creed stating that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son. Eastern Christianity was upset about this innovation, pointing out that the Pope had no business adding an essential item to the creed that hadn't been agreed to by an ecumenical Council, and argued that the filioque clause reduced the role of the Holy Spirit to a subordinate player to the Son, and undermined the originating role of God the Father. The sermon argues that this is no idle or abstract matter of theological speculation, but has a vital bearing on Christian living. When the Holy Spirit is given generous recognition within the life of the Trinity, and our lives, then wonderful things start to happen.

Movie season The last of our history of Church architecture films will be shown on Monday night, the theme being "The Oxford movement and modern period." This will be preceded by a celebration of the Eucharist in the Church at 7 pm.

Regional potluck dinners St Peter's parishioners are dispersed across a wide area, and are sometimes unaware of the existence of one another in the same locality. To help us to get to know one another, and the Vicar to get to know his parishioners, a series of potluck dinners will be held throughout the winter in different localities. We begin in Mosgiel on Tuesday 12 June at the home of Dereck and Kay Grey, who have kindly made their King St home available for this purpose. Another is planned for the Frances Hodgkin's complex.

Parish forum There will be a parish forum this morning after the 10.30 am Service, which will briefly consider parish insurance issues, but will spend most time on the Filioque clause in the creed, a vital issue for Trinity Sunday, and for Christians. Does the Holy Spirit proceed from the Father, or the Father and the Son?

The Origins of the Eucharist Next Saturday evening, the eve of the feast of Corpus Christi, we will gather in the hall at 5.30 pm to recreate the Agape Banquet, or Love Feast, which is the way the first generation of the Church celebrated the Lord's Supper. The sacred meal, which is the centrepiece of our Sunday worship, was first celebrated in the context of a community meal when the Church met together on Sunday. This is the pattern we see in 1 Corinthians 11, and to some extent in the accounts of the Last Supper in the synoptic gospels. In the following years we will trace the evolution of the Eucharist through its successive historical stages as we meet on Corpus Christ eve in this same way of teaching, worship and social gathering. Please sign the notice in the porch to indicate if you will be attending so we can cater for you. Today is the last day you can sign up for the meal, we need to close off the bookings now for catering purposes. A simple meal of fish and bread will be served. Please bring with you \$4, a salad and or something to drink.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Hall at 10am on Thursday. This will be the venue for our Thursday Services throughout the winter.

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, Heather Robertson, Frances Jenson Denise Walker and Margaret Fraser.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and the Wardens will meet on Thursday evening 14 June. Please mention to Tubby or Joy any matters you want raised at that meeting.

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