



St. Peter's Caversham

# The Pebble

21 October, 2012

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B

## The Stone's Prayer

Father, I praise you  
For the wideness of this your Earth, and for the sky  
Arched forever over me,  
For the sharp rain and the scraping wind  
That have carved me from this mountain  
And made me smooth as a child's face.

Accept my praise  
For my colour, a starless night,  
That my width is that between the first two stars of evening  
Reflected in the water,  
That my quartz flashes like lightning  
And reflects the glory of your Creation,  
That you have seen fit  
To place me near a stream and thus to contemplate  
The passing of time;

For all that is around me I sing your praise,  
For the fierce concentration of ants, their laws,  
For all that they tell me about you.

Keep me, I pray, whole,  
Unlike the terrible dust and pieces of bone  
Cast about in the wind's great breath, unlike men  
Who must suffer change,  
Their endless footprints deep as graves;

Keep me in truth, in solitude,  
Until the day when you will burst into my heavy soul  
And I will shout your name.

*Kevin Hart*

### A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. 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 Taize Mass)

### HYMNS:

377 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

372 He who would valiant be

484 The Church's one foundation

387 Jesus good above all other

252 The day thou gavest

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 53:10-11](#)

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

[Hebrews 5:1-6](#)

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** *Third Mode Melody* Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** *Paeon* Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

### Parish News

**Today's Sermon** Today's sermon is entitled "Ambitious, power hungry, status seekers need not apply." Within the circle of the twelve disciples an inner group of three, Peter, James and John, have emerged. They were with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. But Peter, having recognised Jesus for who he really is, has then blotted his

copybook by trying to talk Jesus out of his impending sacrificial death. Sensing their opportunity, James and John press forward with a request for places of honour at the right and the left hand of Jesus when his Kingdom comes in all its glory. This is an ironic request, since two thieves will flank Jesus as he reigns over the creation from the cross. This status-seeking request becomes an introduction to some straight talking from Jesus on the subject of suitable leadership qualities in the Jesus movement. As ever there are major surprises for his listeners in terms of the background assumptions of their culture on this score, as indeed there are for us. So it is that over this, and the last two Sundays, Jesus has given astringent teaching on the subject of power, sex and money. We are left wondering who is able to live up to these high standards? But it isn't just something we achieve in our own strength – with God all things are possible.

**Caversham lectures** Last Monday's presentation attracted around 14 people to the 2 pm lecture, and around 20 to the evening one. Gillions assistance in providing, and setting up, their PowerPoint presentation equipment was particularly appreciated. The next Caversham lecture will be on Tuesday 5 December, on the theme of "The strange, wonderful and bleak theological world of Rowan Williams." This is timed to coincide with his stepping down as Archbishop of Canterbury.

**All Souls** We are now moving close to our commemoration of All Souls day. It is the custom in this parish to read out a memorial list at the 10.30 am Service. David Hoskins is updating this, and would be grateful for any names that need to be added. Given the parish's custom of Sundaizing major feasts All Saints will be celebrated on Sunday 4 November and All Souls on Sunday 11 November.

**Church grounds working bee** There will be a clean up of the Church grounds on Saturday 10 November beginning at 10 am. Your help would be much appreciated on the day

**The Holy Eucharist** will be celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday at 10 am.

**The Rock** The deadline for material for the October edition of the Rock is today. Please forward to David Scouler at [djgs@isotago.co.nz](mailto:djgs@isotago.co.nz)

**The Fellowship Group** meets at 7.30 pm at St Michael's Antiochian Church in Fingall St with Fr Carl Somers-Edgar on Tuesday. Later we will go to St Peter's hall for a talk and supper. All welcome.

**Useful and favourite prayers** This promised compilation has now been published, and is available for collection at the back of the Church. It has some of the best collects from the Book of Common Prayer and the 1989 New Zealand Prayer book, and includes prayers for various pastoral occasions drawn from a variety of Anglican prayer books.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm:** Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Frances Jenson, Joan Dutton, and Denise Walker.

**Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** William Fraser, Shirley Quintrell, Mabel Jacobs, Hope Burnett, Doris Dickson, Nancy Harper and James McQueen.

**Parish contact list** The parish contact list, for which we obtained your written permission for your contact details to be displayed therein, is now completed and compiled, and is being distributed.

**Archdeaconry meeting** The Dunedin hills clergy Archdeaconry will meet on Wednesday at noon at the Vicarage.

### **Parish Contact Details:**

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