



St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

28 October, 2012

30th Sunday, Year B

Blind Bartimaeus

Blind Bartimaeus at the gates
Of Jericho in darkness waits;
He hears the crowd – he hears a breath
Say, “It is Christ of Nazareth!”
And calls, in tones of agony,
“Jesus, have mercy on me!”

The thronging multitudes increase;
Blind Bartimaeus hold thy peace!
But still, above the noisy crowd,
The beggar’s cry is shrill and loud;
Until they say, “He calleth thee!”
“Fear not, arise, He calleth thee!”

Then saith the Christ, as silent stands
The crowd, “What wilt thou at my hands?”
And he replies, “O give me light!”
Rabbi, restore the blind man’s sight!”
And Jesus answers, “Go in peace,
Thy faith from blindness gives release!”

Ye that have eyes, yet cannot see,
In darkness and in misery,
Recall those mighty Voices Three,
“Jesus, have mercy now on me!”
Fear not, arise, and go in peace!
Thy faith from blindness gives release!”

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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:

466 Thou whose almighty word
345 Christ is the King, O friends rejoice
439 Praise to the holiest
274 Author of life divine
392 Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)
[Hebrews 5:1-6](#)
[Mark 10:46-52](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Revelation 7:2-4,9-14](#)
[1 John 3:1-3](#)
[Matthew 5:1-12](#)

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Two Shakespeare Fragments.* Douglas Lilburn (1915-2001)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Seigegrusset, Jesu gutig (Variation 11)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Parish News

Today's Sermon As Jesus leaves Jericho en route to his appointment with tragic destiny in Jerusalem he performs his last healing miracle, a poignant moment. Bartimaeus

not only gets his sight back, but also “sees” Jesus in his true missional identity, in contrast to the slow learner disciples. Are we late arrivals in the faith who get the Christian faith quickly, enthusiastically and reasonably completely, or is it taking a while for its dynamic implications to take root in our character and personality? And if Jesus put his question to us, “What do you want me to do for you,” what would be our reply?

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.

South Carolina departs The Episcopal Church has moved to debar Bishop Mark Lawrence from any further exercise of his Episcopal ministry. In response the standing committee of the diocese of South Carolina has disaffiliated from the Episcopal Church, and appears to be in the process of reconstituting itself as an incorporated entity with jurisdiction over its properties and assets. This will make it much harder for the national Episcopal Church to seize parish property by court action – its usual response to this situation. It is understood that four parishes within the diocese are likely to remain within the Episcopal Church. South Carolina is the fifth diocese to depart the Episcopal Church in response to that Church’s enthusiastic endorsement of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender agendas. It is one of the few Episcopal dioceses that is growing in numbers, and had become a standard bearer for the Anglican Communion Institute stance of remaining within its parent body as a loyal opposition, while giving its primary allegiance to the Anglican Communion as a whole. TEC clearly felt uncomfortable with this internal irritant, but having eliminated it, now faces further question marks about its long-term viability. South Carolina has the problem of its

future identity as either an independent identity, or as a part of one of the breakaway groups, such as the Anglican Church of North America.

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

Called South Copies of the new edition of the Diocesan magazine, ‘Called South’ are available. Please take a copy.

The Rock The October edition of the Rock is now available, and can be collected from the back of the Church.

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, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: especially Joan Tubman

Pray also for the Anglican Consultative Council as it meets in Auckland, and for Rowan Williams in this last overseas engagement in his ministry as Archbishop of Canterbury.

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.

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