



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

24 February 2013

Lent 2

Christ's Peace

Jesus transformed, Jesus fresh from the glory of the timeless Kingdom, stands still to watch a single small incident of pain, mental and physical. The transfiguring clarity of the mountaintop is here as well, picking out each detail with a new light. At the centre, Jesus stands still, in both landscapes; with Moses and Elijah, and with the epileptic youth. Where he stands is, not a middle ground, but a space where worlds overlap. In his life and person he defines what it is for glory and misery to come together and interpret one another. The Kingdom conquers, but not by abolishing the memory of human failure and distress, only by taking it into its life...The world of future and present, hope and hopelessness meet in a new perspective wider than the world itself. Jesus is a new world – a new creation – where earth and heaven, even hell and heaven, meet. His Gospel is not a generalisation about the state of things, it does not say, like one fatuous modern formula, that “the universe is fundamentally benevolent.” The Gospel is that Jesus’ God is King, that the source of all things and the meaning of all things is what Jesus called *Abba*; that his reign is at hand, that the manifestation of beauty and significance in the world is always possible and always close; and so, that we can live now under the Kingdom, in readiness and hope, alert for the vision of the Father, without abandoning the world or trivializing our history. Christ’s peace, then, is given us as we are drawn into his world, as we enter his space.

*Rowan Williams
The Truce of God*

**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 (Mass in F - Schubert))

HYMNS:

- 507 Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us
178 'Tis good, Lord, to be here
440 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
72 My faith looks up to thee
389 Jesus these eyes have never seen

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 15:5-12,17-18](#)

[Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)

[Luke 9:28-36](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Exodus 17:3-7](#)

[Romans 5:1-2,5-8](#)

[John 4:5-42](#)

Organ Prelude: *All glory be to God on high* Max Reger (1873-1916)

Organ Postlude: *Meditation* (from *Triptych for Transfiguration*) Richard Webster(b.1952))

Parish News

This morning's sermon is entitled "Listen to Him," and is a reflection of the meaning of the transfiguration, the subject of today's gospel reading, for our lives.

Schubert music settings The Schubert musical acclamation responses for the 10.30 am Liturgy, which we practised last Sunday, will be used this morning. Some minor simplifying changes have been made to the Liturgy.

Lent Bible study Throughout the Monday nights of Lent, we will be working our way through the epistle to the Galatians. A 7 pm Eucharist will precede these Bible studies, which will then follow in the Vicarage.

Fellowship group The St Peter's fellowship group will meet on Tuesday at 7.30 pm. Fr Hugh will chair the meeting as the group plans its itinerary for the year. He will also give a short talk before supper.

Renewal of wedding vows Next Sunday Tony and Andrena Catesby, who were married at St Peters, and who currently reside in Britain, will renew their wedding vows during the 10.30 am Service.

Vestry decisions Last Wednesday night's vestry meeting resolved to shift two of the Vicarage heat pumps to the Church to augment its heating capacity. It also decided to remove the overgrown trees from the Eastbourne street entrance to the hall as they are causing water damage to the hall, and to replant the area with appropriate shrubs. The Vestry heard that the damaged Church roof tiles had been replaced, and gave preliminary consideration to roof replacement options. The Vicar reported back on his recent attendance at the hermeneutical hui on human

sexuality in Auckland, and on recent key diocesan leadership changes.

For sale One six-foot tall wooden bookshelf, 5 shelves, \$250. Contact Jean Allen on 455-5674.

Patronal festival guest preacher Our guest preacher on St Peter's day, Sunday 30 June, will be the Revd Jonathan Hicks, a recently ordained Deacon, who is completing a theology doctorate at Otago, and who resides and ministers in an assistant capacity at Port Chalmers parish. Jonathan is the son of American Episcopalian missionary parents, and spent much of his childhood on the Solomons. He will return there next year to teach in the theological College that trains local Melanesian clergy.

Holy Week preparations On Saturday 16 March there will be brass cleaning for Easter. Palm Sunday crosses will be made on Saturday 23 March at 10.30 am.

Lent book The Vicar is happy to lend a theology or spirituality book to those wanting to deepen their Christian knowledge through the season of lent.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Eileen Pratt and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have died especially those whose memorial occurs at this time: Marjorie Booker, Douglas Gordon, Christian Hansen, and William Fowler.

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