

St. Peter's Caversham The Pebble

3 March 2013

Lent 3

Ash Wednesday 6

Although I do not hope to turn again Although I do not hope Although I do not hope to turn

Wavering between the profit and the loss
In this brief transit where the dreams cross
The dream crossed twilight between birth and dying
(Bless me father) though I do not wish to wish these things
From the wide window towards the granite shore
The white sails still fly seaward, seaward flying
Unbroken wings

This is the time of tension between dying and birth The place of solitude where three dreams cross Between blue rocks But when the voices shaken from the yew-tree drift away Let the other yew be shaken and reply.

Blessed sister, holy mother, spirit of the fountain, spirit of the garden, Suffer us not to mock ourselves with falsehood Teach us to care and not to care

Teach us to care and not to o

Teach us to sit still

Even among these rocks,

Our peace in his will

And even among these rocks

Sister, mother

And spirit of the river, spirit of the sea,

Suffer me not to be separated

And let my cry come unto Thee.

T S Eliot

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:

- Be thou my guardian and my guide
- 70 Lord Jesus, think on me
- 461 There's a wideness in God's mercy
- 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say
- 320 O perfect love

READINGS FOR TODAY

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians5:17-21

<u>Luke 15:1-3,11-32</u>

Organ Prelude: Chorale prelude, Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort BuxWV 185, Dederick Buxtehude (1637-1707)

<u>Organ Postlude</u> Chorale Prelude: *Abridge*. C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

Parish News

This morning's sermon is entitled "There is a little time left." Jesus is asked to comment on two recent calamities – did these occur because the victims sinned? He turns the question back on his interlocutors – what are you doing about repentance in your own life? The question applies to us also in the season of Lent, since there is always less time than we might think to let God take us to the cleaners and to get ourselves sorted out.

Lent Bible study We continue to work our way through the epistle to the Galatians in our Monday night Lenten Bible studies. Tomorrow night we turn our attention to the third chapter of the epistle in which the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives, and the dynamic flow on effects to be expected from this, come centre stage. A 7 pm Eucharist precedes these Bible studies, which then follow in the Vicarage.

Renewal of wedding vows This morning Tony and Andrena Catesby, who currently reside in Britain, will renew their wedding vows during the 10.30 am Service. Tony's great grandfather was married at St Peter's.

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.

<u>Caversham lectures</u> A complete list of the titles and the dates of the Caversham lectures for this year can be found on the noticeboard in the Link. They have also been posted on the web site.

<u>Wardens meeting</u> The next Wardens meeting will be on Wednesday 13 March. Please mention any matters you want raised at that meeting to Tubby or Joy.

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.

Clarifying our prayer list The people we pray for Sunday by Sunday on our sick and infirm list remain relatively the same, yet in a number of cases we do not know if their situation has changed since the request first came in for their presence there. The Vicar would be grateful for fresh information on this account so that our intercessory prayer is informed and appropriate.

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: June Paterson, Frederick White, Marjery Scott, and John Hamer.

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