



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

1 December 2013

Advent 1, Year A

Lachrimae Amantis

What is there in my heart that you should sue
so fiercely for its love? What kind of care
brings you as though a stranger to my door
through the long night and in the icy dew

seeking the heart that will not harbour you,
that keeps itself religiously secure?
At this dark solstice filled with frost and fire
your passion's ancient wounds must bleed anew.

So many nights the angel of my house
has fed such urgent comfort through a dream,
whispered "your lord is coming, he is close"

that I have drowsed half-faithful for a time
bathed in pure tones of promise and remorse:
"tomorrow I shall wake to welcome him."

Geoffrey Hill

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 Sung Eucharist this morning

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)
10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS:

388 Jesus shall reign
18 Ye servants of the Lord
273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
6 Hark the glad sound!
3 Come thou long expected Jesus

READINGS FOR TODAY:

[Isaiah 2: 1-5](#)
[Romans 13: 11-14](#)
[Matthew 24: 37-44](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 11: 1-10](#)
[Romans 15: 4-9](#)
[Matthew 3: 1-12](#)

Parish News

The Year of Matthew As we move into the season of Advent a new liturgical year begins, and with it a new gospel to be worked through systematically in the Sunday readings. Matthew is one of the longer gospels, it records much of Jesus' teachings, and one of its concerns is to relate Jesus to his Jewish background, and to prove to a Jewish audience his legitimacy as Messiah from the prophecies of the Hebrew Scriptures. A reminder that we

do not say or sing the Gloria in Advent as it is a penitential season. This means of course that it is a very appropriate time to make your confession. Our Services begin this morning with the lighting of a candle in the Advent wreath.

Wardens meeting The Vicar and Wardens meet next on Monday 9 December. Please mention to Kate or Tubby any matters you want raised at that meeting.

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning on Friday 20 December at 10.30 am in the lounge. All helpers greatly appreciated.

Rock The November edition of the Rock is available at the back of the Church.

Christian World Service You will find the CWS Christmas Appeal envelope in today's edition of the Pebble. CWS writes: Typhoon Haiyan struck as we prepared to launch the Christmas Appeal on Advent Sunday. For some people it will raise the question as to which appeal they should give when they have limited funds. The needs in the Phillipines are very great at this time. We are asking people if they can give twice, once to the Phillipines Appeal and again to the Christmas Appeal. We understand that not everyone can do both. Our existing partners depend on Christmas Appeal support for their year's programmes to build water tanks, train more people in eco-agricultural gardening, strengthen communities to stand up for their rights to fair income and respect for their dignity. We are grateful for your support.

Raffle results Drawn Sunday 24 November, First prize Jam dish Neil Welch, Second prize Jigsaw Mary Barton, Third prize Jewellery Cross Marjorie Palmer. The raffle raised \$95, with donation, for church funds. Many thanks to all those who took part.

Christmas lunch The Christmas lunch will be next Sunday in which our normal potluck lunch following the main Service on the second Sunday of the month will have some extra touches to give it a festival flavour. Please bring dishes and refreshments appropriate to the season. A warm invitation goes out to the 8 o'clockers to join us.

The origins of the altar and reredos Research has now established that James Dineen, a cabinet maker who worked for Haywards in George Street, made our altar and reredos, but the creator of the pulpit remains a mystery. Indeed, no record of a faculty authorising its installation has been found in the Hocken. This research is an important step in obtaining insurance valuations on St Peter's liturgical furniture

Ordinations Yesterday three ordinations took place at the Cathedral – Carol Masters to the order of Deacon to serve in Dunstan parish, Andrew Barlow and Jeremy Nicoll to the order of Priest to serve respectively in the Roslyn and the East Otago parishes.

Rome and Russia There has been a noticeable rise in Mass attendance throughout Italy put down to the Francis effect of the new Pope's favourable public image promoting a poor, humble Church. Meanwhile Vladimir Putin has visited the Pope this last week as both sides seek to ease historic tensions. The Russian Orthodox Church now feels more assured of its favoured role in Russian society and is less anxious about Roman Catholic institutions operating on its home soil, and with the end of the cold war the Russian state has got over the its resentment at John Paul's role in undermining communist rule in Poland.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm especially Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Roy Harris, Shirley Buxton, Joan Dutton and Denise Walker.

Pray for the Departed, those who have died recently, and those whose memorial occurs at this time: Michael Palmer, Winifried Dowell, Raimer Glen, and Lawrence McGoverne.

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