



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

28 September 2014

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

** From the 1928 Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church of the United States.*

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

HYMNS:

393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

357 Father hear the prayer we offer

374 O for a heart

294 Just as I am

437 Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Ezekiel 18: 25-28](#)

[Philippians 2: 1-11](#)

[Matthew 21: 28-32](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

[Isaiah 5: 1-7](#)

[Philippians 4: 6-9](#)

[Matthew 21: 33-43](#)

Parish News

Helping with the new sound system We will need to replace our wireless microphones later this year because the government will be taking over our former airwaves in order to make the new 4G cell phones possible. The cost will be at least \$1,500. Already we have received a parishioner donation of \$200 towards this. Can you help with his? Donations can be handed to the Vicar.

Quiet day Mother Keleni and Sister Alena from the Community of the Sacred Name will be leading a Quiet Day from 9.30 am to 3.30 am here at St Peter's on Saturday 4 October. The theme of the day is PRAYER. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring lunch to share with others.

Seeing more of Fr Roger The Vicar is presently on leave in the UK. Thus Fr Roger will be the celebrant and preacher in late September, and throughout October.

Spring Flower Festival A special thank you to Faye-Noel Brown and her team of floral artists for all their extraordinary efforts in bringing the Spring Floral Festival to fruition. It was a spectacular success with over 300 visitors over the two afternoons of last weekend – a weekend that included many Spring floral events and the national election – not to mention the rugby! A contingent from Alexandra travelled especially to view the Matisse vestments which Fr Hugh discussed and ‘demonstrated’.

In Remembrance A Sunday afternoon concert in St Peter's is planned for November. It will feature songs and music of the World War One era to commemorate the war centenary. More details to follow.

Monday Club meets in the Parish Hall from 10 am. Everyone is very welcome.

Thursday Eucharist The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Parish Lounge on Thursday's at 10 am, with Fr Wiremu Quedley as celebrant.

Meditation group Each Thursday after our 10 am Eucharist a small group of parishioners, together with some Andersons Bay parishioners, meet to spend time in silent prayer waiting on God, using the Mass readings for the following Sunday as the basis of their meditation. They would welcome new prayer companions. For further details contact Rosemary Brown at 489 6386.

Fiji prays for new government The call to vote became a call to worship with voices of ‘vinaka’ at a thanksgiving service in Suva's Holy Trinity Cathedral. Archbishop Winston Halapua said Fiji was in transition with a new government being formed, and there was a need to pause and be in community. The service came about because the church could offer space to gather, whatever the outcome of the election. “After the coups and eight years with no voting, there was fear and uncertainty and a sense of trust had disintegrated,” the Archbishop said. “Our liturgy, prayed across centuries, is a place for that trust to be known and identified, as our worship is stronger than any other language we have to stand alongside the nation on its new journey.” The worship recognised the Church's three-tikanga relationship by also giving thanks for the elections in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Words of campaigning were replaced with prayers of thanks as a reminder to all, including the government, that they journeyed together. The Cathedral has been a place of prayer for the election. Likening the Cathedral congregation to the first disciples, Dean Claude Fong Toy said: “We are continually in transition, on a pilgrimage to where God wants us to be and it may or may not be comfortable. “What was important today was that we sought God's blessing on the election, the leaders appointed, and our journey as a nation.”

**Anglican Taonga*

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, and Denise Walker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time: Susan Snell and Ada Morris.

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