

St. Peter's Caversham

The Pebble

12 October 2014

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

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:

388 Jesus shall reign

94 We sing the praise

271 Alleluya Sing to Jesus

305 Soul of my Saviour

408 Love Divine, all love's excelling

READINGS FOR TODAY

<u>Isaiah 25: 1-9</u>

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Matthew 22: 15-21

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Vesper Voluntary No 3 Edward Elgar.

Parish News

Pot Luck Lunch today in the Parish Lounge after the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist. Everyone welcome.

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.

<u>Seeing more of Fr Roger</u> The Vicar is presently on leave in the UK. Thus Fr Roger will be the celebrant and preacher throughout October.

<u>Remembrance</u> A Sunday afternoon concert in St Peter's is planned for November. It will feature songs and music of the World War One era. More details to follow.

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

<u>Thursday Eucharist</u> The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel on Thursday's at 10 am, with Fr Wiremu Quedley as celebrant.

<u>Meditation group</u> Each Thursday after the 10 am Holy Eucharist a small group meets to spend time in silent prayer waiting on God, using the Mass readings for the following Sunday as the basis of their meditation. All welcome.

<u>The Rock</u> The new edition of the Rock is available online on the parish website and copies are available in the Link and at the back of church.

<u>Organ music during October.</u> The organ postludes after the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist will feature the Vesper Voluntaries of Sir Edward Elgar. See the Rock article.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Juen Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, George and Nonie Connor and Denise Walker.

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time:</u> Shona Thomas, Lynette Welch, Jean Errington, Bruce Robbins, Grace Hughes, Helen LarkinsVene Peterson, Ruth FinniganIvan Tilbury, Chris Timlin, Alister Keast and Joyce Knowles.

Ebola and Anglicans in West Africa.

Clergy in West Africa have challenged Anglicans worldwide to "live as their brothers' keepers" and act to address the Ebola crisis. The priests of the Anglican Diocese of Kumasi, Ghana, issued their challenge after a workshop entitled Church and Community Response to Ebola in which they learned more about the disease and how to prevent its spread. In a statement issued after the workshop Message to the International Community, they said, "We challenge the international community to live as their brothers' keepers*. We encourage Anglican Churches or Christian Churches the world over to express their solidarity by observing one Sunday as Ebola Sunday to pray and mobilize resources for the affected areas in the sub-region or West Africa." "They should encourage their governments to send resources especially the found drug to the affected areas by way of advocacy." The clergy did not hold back as they called on the United Nations to provide material and equipment to countries affected by the virus. They also called for international community to collaborate to stop conflict in countries in Africa and the Middle East "instead of waiting for lives and property to be destroyed before the come in with aid".

No more shaking hands

The workshop training carried out at St Cyprian's Anglican Cathedral, Kumasi, was led by Dr Irene des Bordes. It prompted the clergy to announce they would cease embracing and shaking hands during the Peace at church services; would only perform Holy Communion by intinction; would wear gloves, socks and shoes when visiting the dead or those in hospital; and would wash their hands using running water and hand sanitizers. Several provincial Churches of the Anglican Communion including in Nigeria have announced similar precautions in hope that they can stop the spread of this disease that has, to date, killed 3,439 people and infected 7,494. Experts say it could infect up to 1.5m people by January of next year.

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