



St. Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

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THE CREED ON JESUS

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end

Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed 381 AD

A Warm Welcome
to all who are sharing with us in worship today. 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:

O God beyond all praising (see inset sheet)
360 Firmly I believe and truly
282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
459 The Lord's my Shepherd
443 Rejoice, the Lord is King

READINGS FOR TODAY

[1 Kings 19: 4-8](#)
[Ephesians 4: 30 - 5: 2](#)
[John 6: 41-51](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Revelation 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10](#)
[1 Corinthians 15: 20-27](#)
[Luke 1: 39-56](#)

Parish News

Potluck lunch As is our custom a Potluck lunch follows the 10.30 am Service this morning. All welcome

Today's sermon A traditional spiritual is entitled "He came down from the glorious kingdom." As we continue our way through the bread of life discourse in the 6th chapter of John's gospel the issue of where Jesus came from, whom he came from, what he did for our salvation, and how we will experience him in the future becomes a pressing concern, one addressed in the middle section of the creed printed on the front cover of the Pebble. This was the 4th century's way of answering the question. Every generation of Christians has the challenge of explaining the significance of Jesus

in a way that its contemporaries can understand. This is why loving God with our minds matters.

Frances Hodgkins The monthly house group meeting will take place on Monday at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

Next Sunday we will celebrate the feast of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St Peters Festival of Flowers St Peters will be hosting a Festival of Flowers over the weekend of 17-18 October based around the theme of St Peter the fisherman. Parishioners may recall the very successful similar event which came to us for the first time last year. This event will be provided by the Dunedin Floral Art Society, of which our Faye-Noel Brown is the President. Please contact Faye-Noel If you can help with sourcing fishing nets and glass tiles for a "Sea of Galilee" scene.

Parish forum A parish forum will follow the 10.30 am Service next Sunday. This will discuss concerns about the Anglican Family Centre, and will report back on further developments regarding the proposed diocesan tithing levy.

Wardens meeting The next Wardens meeting will be on Monday 17 August. Please let Tubby or Kate know of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

150th Anniversary registration A list of those who have registered for the 150th anniversary celebrations can be found on the table in the Link. Please check it to see if you are on the list.

Thursday Eucharist Missed church on Sunday because of bad weather. Then why not come to the Thursday 10 am Eucharist? It is in the lounge in the winter because that is easy to heat and warmer than the Church.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Hannah Scott, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Shirley Menzies, Margaret Sterling, Lester Hopkinson and Denise Walker.

Pray for those who have recently died Joan Thompson and John Hudson

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Alan Gale, Gaynor Newbound, Jennifer Fraser, Ronald Preston, and Mavis Wilkinson.

God defend New Zealand A chorus of commentators have taken up the theme of doing a rewrite of the national anthem to get God

out of it because, in their opinion, we are over God now, and are a thoroughly secular nation. When Thomas Bracken wrote the national anthem New Zealand was certainly more church going, though it has never been a majority past time. It was however a country that acknowledged its Christian heritage, and used Christian rituals, symbols and words on public occasions and for rites of passage. Since the 1960's there has been a drift away from all that, though there are still a substantial group of citizens who, while rarely attending Christian worship, would be reluctant to leave Christian believing, belonging and behaving behind. What we are seeing is an emboldened group of unbelievers who think this is a propitious time in terms of public opinion to drive all expressions of Christian identity from public life. The problem is what will they replace God with? Can a consensus be reached in such a multicultural and diverse society about such a replacement? Do the secularisers have the courage of their convictions to be thorough and consistent in their reform programme? For instance, it could be argued that Christmas should be dropped because it celebrates the feast of the Incarnation, a core Christian doctrine. Public holidays at Easter should also go. Perhaps new public feast days should be invented - Dawkins day, Ed Hilary ascent commemoration day, and the world of Maori mythology be brought in to play with Matariki being made even more of? People will also need to watch their language in future. English is full of phrases from the Bible, which unbelievers often use without realising it, even in their attacks on Christianity. When this wash your mouth out exercise has been completed, an even more daunting task lies ahead. Western culture came out of a deeply Christian past, and is saturated with subtle underlying Christian assumptions. Straining all that out will be very difficult.

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