



St. Peter's Caversham  
**The Pebble**

20 March

Palm Sunday

**Holy Sonnet 4**

At the round world's imagined corners, blow  
Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise  
From death, you numberless infinities  
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go,  
All whom the flood did, and fire overthrow,  
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies,  
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose eyes,  
Shall behold God, and never taste death's woe.  
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space,  
For, if above all these, my sins abound,  
Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace,  
When we are there; here on this lowly ground,  
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good  
As if thou hadst sealed my pardon, with thy blood.

*John Donne,*

*This is one of the poems that will be the subject of our Donne on Death and Resurrection Service on Sunday evening 17 April*

## 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)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

#### HYMNS:

All glory laud and honour (see inset sheet)

83 Glory be to Jesus

94 We sing the praise of him who died

Were you there? (Solo, Arnold Bachop)

511 Ride on, ride on in majesty

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 50: 4-7](#)

The response to [Psalm 22](#) is:

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

[Philippians 2: 6-11](#)

[Luke 22:14-23:56](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Acts 10: 3-4, 36-43](#)

[Colossians 3: 1-4](#)

[John 20: 1-18](#)

### Parish News

**Palm Sunday Procession** At the 10.30 am Service we will gather on the terrace outside the lounge to bless the Palm Crosses before our entry into the Church.

**Bring a bell** Parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend the Easter Vigil, the most wonderful of our liturgies, which will be on Holy Saturday night at 8 pm. Please look out for a bell you can bring with you to ring as the Gloria is sung and the lights are turned on at the conclusion of the Vigil readings. A social

gathering will follow in the lounge after this Service of the same kind we have after the Evensong and Benediction Services.

### **Holy Week Services**

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 5.30 pm:** The Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday 7 pm:** Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday 12 noon:** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday 8 pm:** Easter Vigil, and first Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday:** 8 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist and procession

**Brass cleaning** There will be brass cleaning at 10.30 am on Holy Saturday 26 March. Helpers welcome.

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship group will meet at the Museum Café at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 22 March for afternoon tea followed by a visit to see the Night Sky at the Planetarium at 2.30 pm for 45 minutes - admission \$10 - men welcome. Please advise Raylene at 455 2389 or Gay at 476 1613 if you plan to attend.

**Raffle** A raffle is currently under way for church funds with tickets on sale after the 10.30 am Service. The raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday morning.

**Parish history** The Vicar has finally received the go ahead from the University of Otago to write the parish history as a doctoral thesis with the history department. Renowned history of Christianity in New Zealand specialist John Stenhouse will be his supervisor. The thesis will be done part time with an envisaged duration of four years. It is hoped that the finished work will be published as a book. The cost of the project will be met by a scholarship that the Vicar received as a result of the high marks he received for his Master of Theology thesis.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm** Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Denise Walker, Jonathan Hicks and Joy Monteath.

**Pray for those who have died** James Clements, Ruth Mumford, Fr Ilyan Eades, Ben Holden, Frederick Buxton, Doreen Price, Norma Moorhead, and Alexander Wood.

**Election plans for next Tikanga Maori Bishop for the South Island** The electoral college to select the successor to Bishop John Gray met yesterday at St Chads Linwood Christchurch presided over by Bishop Victoria Matthews. In a new welcome mode of openness the names of the candidates have been announced just as the Episcopal Church routinely does. Until now New Zealand Anglican Episcopal electors have been sworn to secrecy, a convention more honoured in the breach than in the observance. Four of the candidates are from the South Island, and include Archdeacon Hannah Pomare who is the Dunedin hospital chaplain. The Revd Turi Hollis is a North Island candidate who for many years was executive assistant to Bishop John Gray. A confirmation process involving the bench of Bishops and the General Synod representatives will delay the announcement.

**No religion in Downton Abbey** The hugely popular series Downton Abbey has completed its sixth and final season. Its makers have now revealed that they were under starter's orders to avoid any depiction of the characters engaged in Christian religious activities. Thus meals were always shown when under way so as to avoid the saying of grace being filmed, no character was ever seen praying, and much anguished reflection took place as to whether the word "Abbey" should be allowed in the title. The justification for all this extraordinary censorship was the anxiety that atheists and non-Christians might be turned off the series by any religious references. Attention to detail was a hallmark of the series so table napkins were never folded in any way that might suggest the shape of a Bishop's Mitre, not that unbelievers might be expected to know what that is.

**Easter Meditation gathering** Friday 1 April 5.30-6pm St Peter Chanel, 242 Main South Rd, Green Island, followed by potluck meal for those who want to stay. Organised by local Christian Meditation groups. All welcome.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Hugh Bowron - 455- 3961

**Vicar's Warden:** Tubby Hopkins - 454-2399

**People's Warden:** Kate Paterson - 455-5384

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