



St. Peter's Caversham

15 May

The Pebble Pentecost

Why the Spirit is indispensable

Without the Holy Spirit, God is far away
Christ stays in the past,
the Gospel is a dead letter,
the Church is simply an organisation,
authority is a matter of domination,
mission is a matter of propaganda,
the liturgy is no more than an evocation
Christian living a slave morality.

But in the Holy Spirit;
the cosmos is resurrected
and groans with the birth pangs of the Kingdom,
the risen Christ is there,
the Gospel is the power of life,
the Church shows forth the power of the Trinity,
authority is a liberating service,
mission is a Pentecost,
the liturgy is both memorial and anticipation,
and human action is deified.

*Patriarch Ignatios
World Council of Church Assembly
Uppsala, Sweden, 1968*

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 and Procession

HYMNS:

139 Come, thou Holy Spirit, come

137 Come down, O love divine

483 The Church of God a kingdom is

367 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

431 O thou, who camest from above

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Acts 2: 1-11](#)

The response to [Psalm 104](#) is:

**Lord send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth**

[Romans 8: 8-17](#)

[John 14: 15-15, 23-26](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Proverbs 8: 22-31](#)

[Romans 5: 1-5](#)

[John 16: 12-15](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Trio in G minor* Josef Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

Parish News

Procession In honour of today's significant feast we will process around the interior of the Church at the beginning of the 10.30 am liturgy. Please feel free to join in.

Anglican Communion Sunday As the Anglican Consultative Council recent meeting drew to a close in Lusaka it asked that Anglican parishes mark Anglican Communion Sunday on a convenient Sunday close to the feast of St Augustine. St Peter's will keep this commemoration next Sunday, which is Trinity Sunday.

Gift of thurible St Peters has decided to give its spare thurible to St Matthews Church in the parish of Dukwasi, Diocese of Malaita in response to an enquiry from Jerry Oikwao who works in the monitoring and evaluation unit of the Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Co-ordination unit, and is a close friend of the Revd Jonathan Hicks, the missionary we support.

Possibly July The ODT's recent announcement that George Chittendon will be leaving the employ of the Cathedral for a prestigious Church music job in Sweden in three months' time has created an interesting situation regarding the planned celebrity organ recital and Cathedral Choir visit originally planned for October and November. It now seems possible that these events can be brought forward to July. An announcement will be made soon.

Planning for the Caversham lectures Preparations are well under way for this year's Caversham lectures, which occur in November. Guest speakers so far include Dr Stephen Tripp who will talk about "What makes for a good doctor," Len Cook - Families Commissioner and Chairman of the Social Policy Research and Evaluation Unit, and a panel discussion that will include local Funeral Director Keith Gillion, a lawyer, a doctor, and a palliative care nurse on "Practical End of Life Issues."

St Peters Fellowship meets at 2 pm Tuesday 24 May at Raylene's home A/172 Oxford St to view photos (on TV) of Gay Webb's visit to Alaska, Canada and USA.

Remember St Peter's in your will A significant theme in this year's stewardship programme is how helpful it is if you remember your parish church in your will. Bequests are a significant factor in the continued financial viability of St Peter's.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Jun Miyagi, Margaret Sterling, Anita Stephens, Mahlia and Sheree Napier, Denise Walker and Bruce Moore.

Pray for those who have recently died Ediythe McLean.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Louise Lewis, Barbara Rodgers, Arthur Bath, Warwick Larkins, John Allen, Harriet Hamer & Brent Bachop.

Surprising outcome at General Synod After much difficult debate General Synod has decided to table its "A Way Forward" report on blessings of same sex couples until General Synod 2018, "with a firm expectation that a decision to move forward will be made at that time." The Three Archbishops will appoint a working group to establish a structure that allows both those who can and those who cannot support the blessings of same sex relationships to remain within the church with integrity. While Tikanga Maori and Tikanga Pacifica were prepared to accept the report opposition to it from the Pakeha dioceses of Nelson, Christchurch and Wellington was the preventing factor.

Teschemakers expedition A parish outing to Teschemakers is planned for Saturday 1 October. Mass will be celebrated in the wonderful Chapel, lunch will follow on site at a cost of \$25 a head, there will be a tour, and then we will adjourn to the Victorian Warehouse Precinct of Oamaru. We are gauging potential support for this outing with a view to the size of the bus we should hire. This has a bearing on the overall cost of the outing. Please indicate on the noticeboard in the Link if you would like to be a part of this expedition. Think also of friends who might want to be included and members of other parishes and indicate accordingly.

Speaking of Life and Death The University of Otago Bioethics centre and St Paul's Cathedral are offering a series of specialist presentations on the subject of Euthanasia. The aim of the lectures is to encourage a good and informed debate. In this spirit each participant speaks only for themselves and from their experience and it is anticipated that there will be differences of opinion and perspective. The remaining presenters are 18 May Professor David Tombs Faculty of Theology, 25 May Plenary Panel with Professor Grant Gillet, Bioethics Centre. All sessions are at the Cathedral on successive Wednesdays at 5.30 pm.

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