



St Peter's Caversham

July 17 2016

The Pebble

Ordinary 16

Oh night that was my guide!
Oh darkness dearer than the morning's pride,
Oh night that joined the lover
To the beloved bride
Transfiguring them each into the other.

Within my flowering breast
Which only for himself entire I save
He sank into his rest
And all the gifts I gave
Lulled by the airs with which the cedars wave.

Over the ramparts fanned
While the fresh wind was fluttering his tresses,
With his serenest hand
My neck he wounded, and
Suspended every sense with its caresses.

Lost to myself I stayed
My face upon my lover having laid
From all endeavouring ceasing:
And all my cares releasing
Threw them amongst the lilies there to fade.

*Songs of the soul in rapture at having arrived at the height of perfection,
which is union with God by the road of spiritual negation, Canticle 1
St John of the Cross, translated by Roy Campbell*

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:

369 Happy are they, they that love God (T. 346)
416 O God of Bethel by whose hand (T. 415/2)
357 Father hear the prayer we offer
328 God be in my head
245 God that madest earth and heaven

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Genesis 18: 1-10](#)

The response to [Psalm 15](#) is:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

[Colossians 1: 24-28](#)

[Luke 10: 38-42](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Genesis 18: 20-32](#)

[Colossians 2: 12-14](#)

[Luke 11: 1-13](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Sortie* Denis Bedard (b.1950-)

PARISH NEWS

Vicar on leave The Vicar will be on leave from Tuesday 19 July until 3 August. The Revd Alec Clark will be the celebrant and preacher for the next two Sundays. Funeral cover will be provided by the Vicar of Roslyn, the Revd Eric Kyte ph 464 0240.

Vestry members are reminded that this week's Vestry meeting occurs two days earlier than usual on Monday night in the Vicarage.

Caversham lectures The lectures confirmed so far are *What makes for a good doctor* Dr Stephen Tripp 1 November, *Child Welfare – Can We Deliver and How Will We Know?* Len Cook, New Zealand's Families Commissioner and Chairman of the Social Policy Research and Evaluation Unit 8 November, *Practical end of life issues* A panel discussion featuring Dr Tony Fitchett, Keith Gillion, Professor Peter Skegg, and a palliative care nurse 15 November, *The New Zealand Youth Justice System: leading the world* Brian Kilkelly 22 November. It may be possible to add another lecture to the line-up on contemporary medical research and treatment dilemmas in the field of Bio-ethics.

Postscript to Theresa May story Last Sunday's Christian faith backgrounder to Theresa May, now Prime Minister of Britain, did not include the fact that her parish priest father was trained at the College of the Resurrection Mirfield, the Anglo Catholic theological college where the Vicar was trained. Although Europe is now supposed to be a thoroughly secular continent the fact is that both Germany and Britain are now led by women who are children of the clergy.

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

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Beatrice Beattie, Evelyn Ward, Dorothy Dickie, Arthur Hughes and Irene Wright.

Musical weekend concludes today

* *The Dunedin Cathedral Choir visit to St Peter's* occurs this evening at 5 pm. The **Service of Evensong and Benediction** includes *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by Rachmaninoff and *O Salutaris Hostia* and *Tantum Ergo* by Palestrina. The sermon is entitled, "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not by Christ's ordinance reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped." Drinks and nibbles will follow so that we can meet the choir and its director.

Sunday Serenade

A programme of art songs, including the song cycle *Songs of Travel* (Vaughan Williams), organised by Arnold Bachop. St Peter's Church, Sunday 14 August 2.30 pm. Entry fee \$10 with proceeds going to St Peter's running costs.

Financing the Bishopric estate The Vicar's recent editorial in the Rock outlined the current difficulties in financing the Bishopric estate, which impedes permission being given for an episcopal election to take place. At the September Diocesan Synod the Vicar will move on behalf of the Trust Board, seconded by Brian Kilkelly, "That this Synod, recognising 1. That the Bishop is the chief pastor in the Diocese, and essential for leading the Diocese in its work of establishing God's kingdom here; 2. The inadequacy of the Bishopric Endowment, recommends to the Diocesan Council that a share of the proceeds from the future sale of land and buildings within the diocese, amounting to at least 25% of those proceeds, be allocated to building up the capital base of the Bishopric Endowment." Meanwhile Dr Tony Fitchett has suggested that parishioners across the diocese give a weekly contribution for five years equivalent to a cup of coffee (approximately \$3). This would mean we could appoint a Bishop knowing that the salary would be assured. The "Fund our Bishop" account number is Diocese of Dunedin, 06-0901-0015680-00

Oh Canada! First it appeared that a resolution to change the marriage canon to allow for the solemnisation of marriage of same sex couples had failed by one vote at the Anglican Church of Canada General Synod on Monday. Then a day later when there was a request that the votes of each Synod representative be recorded it was noted that the scrutiniser's votes hadn't been counted. When this took place it was revealed that the resolution had passed by one vote. This is the first reading of the bill.

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