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## The Pebble

4 December 2016

Advent 2

### On the Communion of the Three Persons

Out of the vast love born of them both,  
The Father spoke to the Son with words of celebration,

With words of such full delight that none can know;  
only the Son, only he took joy,  
since they breathed in his ear alone

But here is what can be understood:  
-“Nothing, my Son, pleases me, but your company.”

“If something is sweet, through you alone do I taste it.  
The more I see of you in its reflection,  
the wider my smile;”

“What is unlike you, has nothing of me.  
In you alone is my delight,  
life of my life!”

“You are the fire of my fire, my knowing;  
the form of my substance,  
in you I am well pleased.”

“Whoever gives his love to you, my Son,  
to him I give myself,  
and him I fill with the love I feel for you  
just for making you beloved, my Beloved.”

*St John of the Cross 1542-1591, translated by Ivan M. Granger*

## 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 after the Solemn Sung  
Eucharist

### THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)  
10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist  
5.00 pm Sung Evensong and Benediction

#### HYMNS:

12 On Jordan's bank  
315 Word of the Father (T.149/2nd)  
500 Thy kingdom come, on bended knee  
6 Hark the glad sound!  
9 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Isaiah 11: 1-10](#)

[Romans 15: 4-9](#)

[Matthew 3: 1-12](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10](#)

[James 5: 7-10](#)

[Matthew 11: 2-11](#)

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Pavan* Giles Farnaby (c.1566-1640)

#### PARISH NEWS

**Evensong and Benediction** This evening at 5 pm followed by refreshments and fellowship in the lounge.

**Brass cleaning** The pre-Christmas cleaning of the church brass will take place on Thursday 22 December 10.30 am. All helpers welcome.

**Readers requested for Nine Lessons and Carols** The Nine Lessons and Carols Service will take place on Sunday 18 December at 10.30 am. If you would like to read a lesson at this Service please sign the notice in the Link.

**Frances Hodgkins** The Frances Hodgkins house group will meet next on Monday 12 December at 2 pm in the Garden Lounge.

**Wardens meeting** The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday 14 December. Please mention to Kate Paterson or Tubby Hopkins any matters you want raised at that meeting.

**Diocesan Council** The Diocesan Council is in effect the standing committee of the Diocese of Dunedin and meets monthly. The Vicar has now been appointed the Trust Board representative on that body, a position that gives him speaking but not voting rights.

**The fate of Holy Cross St Kilda** The Church of Holy Cross St Kilda has been sold to an Anglican couple who intend to turn it into a house. The removal of the Brock windows and the Woodthorpe memorial window will shortly follow so that they can be safely stored at St Peter's.

**Christian World Service Christmas appeal** You will find a CWS Christmas appeal envelope in this morning's edition of the Pebble. CWS writes, "For 70 years the Christmas Appeal has kept hope shining like the light in the darkness. Each gift shared has contributed to a mountain of hope that is providing food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, medicine for the sick, school for the children and opportunities for a future. Your gift at Christmas will give hope to people in need of the dignity that comes with food, water, medicine and education. With your gift and prayers we can help many more families. Please give generously to the 2016 Christmas Appeal."

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

**Pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time** Lawrence McGoverne, Geoffrey Hughes (Priest), David MacGill, Douglas Earwaker, and John Carruthers.

**The tension between being a national church and a diocesan church** The Anglican church inherited from its parent church the western Catholic Church a diocesan structure. "Diocese" is a term inherited from the Roman Empire denoting an administrative unit covering a considerable geographical area. Throughout its history so far the Anglican Church in these islands has been very enthusiastic about diocesan autonomy to the detriment of a sense of national loyalty and identity giving cursory attention to Provincial institutions such as the General Synod. Bishop Nevill, Dunedin's first Bishop, was particularly hot on this theme though ironically he became the Primate of the New Zealand Anglican Church towards the end of his long episcopal reign. The effect of this as Noel Derbyshire, historian of the New Zealand Anglican church, has pointed out was to create a church consisting of seven mini-denominations each with a distinctive diocesan culture presided over by its respective Bishop who was jealous of its relative independence. A follow on result was duplication and financial inefficiencies as each diocese had to create and service its own administrative and financial support services. Not only was this wasteful but it also resulted in lost opportunities in mission since resources and money did not go to those parts of the country that particularly needed new ministries, church start-ups or the maintenance of struggling and vulnerable parishes. It is therefore ironic to say the least that the diocese of Dunedin has now become enthusiastic about the national church, through the agency of the St Johns College Trust Board, providing the necessary finance to top its Bishopric estate to the point where an episcopal election can be held next year. It also sets an interesting precedent for the years ahead for the other small struggling Pakeha dioceses.

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