



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

11 December 2016

Advent 3

### Prayer

Every day I want to speak with you.  
And every day something more important  
calls for my attention – the drugstore, the beauty  
products, the luggage

I need to buy for the trip.  
Even now I can barely sit here

Among the falling piles of paper and clothing, the garbage  
trucks outside  
already screeching and banging.

The mystics say you are as close as my own breath.  
Why do I flee from you?

My days and nights pour through me like complaints  
and become a story I forgot to tell.

Help me. Even as I write these words I am planning  
to rise from the chair as soon as I finish this sentence.

*Marie Howe (b. 1950)*

## 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

#### HYMNS:

443 Rejoice, the Lord is King  
407 Lord, thy word abideth  
7 Hills of the North, rejoice  
3 Come thou long expected Jesus  
275 Blessed Jesu, Mary's son

#### READINGS FOR TODAY

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

The response to [Psalm 146](#) is:

**Lord, come and save us**

[James 5: 7-10](#)

[Matthew 11: 2-11](#)

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

(as for the nine lessons for the Carol Service)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE:** Improvisation by David Hoskins

#### PARISH NEWS

**Pot luck lunch** Our customary second Sunday of the month  
pot luck lunch follows this morning's 10.30 am Service. All  
welcome.

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

**Nine Lessons and Carols** The Nine Lessons and Carols Service will take place next Sunday at 10.30 am. Thank you to all those who have agreed to read a lesson at this Service.

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

**Christmas at Frances Hodgkins** Taking account of the fact that many Frances Hodgkins residents will not get the opportunity to make their Christmas communion because they will be attending family Christmas dinners, and that Services at Frances Hodgkins are so well attended, the Vicar will celebrate the Eucharist there on Saturday morning 24 December at 11 am. The usual 6 pm St Barnabas Service will take place on Christmas Eve.

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

**The fate of Holy Cross St Kilda** The Church of Holy Cross St Kilda has been sold to a church going Anglican couple now resident in Sydney who intend to turn it into a house so that they can come to live in it in South Dunedin. The removal of the four windows is likely to happen next week.

**Another surprise resignation** The recently appointed Warden of Selwyn College has unexpectedly and suddenly resigned. The Board will meet next week to map out the way ahead.

**Timothy Raphael Memorial Service** There will be a Memorial Service for Fr Timothy Raphael, one of the more outstanding former Deans of Dunedin Cathedral, at the Cathedral on Friday 3 February 2017 at 11 am. It is likely that this ashes will be interred in the Cathedral Columbarium.

**Christian World Service Christmas appeal** You will find a CWS Christmas appeal envelope close by in a nearby pew. 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** William Forrest, Allan Paterson, John Jerome, and William Tubman.

**Changes to St Peter's Christmas Services** This year the Christmas Midnight Service moves forward in its start time to 10.30 pm and is intended to conclude around Midnight or a little before that. Instead of half an hour's carol singing followed by a Solemn Sung Eucharist there will be a candlelit Service of Carols and Readings (this part of the Service will have the Church in darkness and lit by candles in the pews) that will then segue into the Great Thanksgiving Prayer of the first Mass of Christmas, at which point the lights will be turned on. The 8 am Holy Communion Service will be as usual. The 10.30 am Christmas day Service will be a relatively simple Service using the first Eucharistic Liturgy in the New Zealand Prayer book accompanied by four carols. These changes take account of the reality that increasingly locals, including parishioners, celebrate Christmas away from Dunedin and that elderly parishioners are reluctant to come out to late evening Services. The 10.30 am Christmas Day Service is increasingly attended by out of town families whom we have never seen before who want a straightforward relatively brief Service with some carols before they proceed on to Christmas dinner with Dunedin relatives. The candlelit Vigil type of Service that will be used on Christmas Eve works well with more modest numbers and provides a more numinous unhurried ambience than the busy complex Service that was used in former years. It is a kind of Service that has proved to be popular and effective at the Easter Vigil, the Pentecost Vigil Service and the New Year's Eve Watchnight Service.

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