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The Pebble

Note: Since this Pebble was first posted online the date for the proposed curry evening has altered to Tuesday, 5 March.

10 February 2019 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **The Living Flame of Love**

Oh! Living flame of love That tenderly wounds my soul in its deepest centre,
Since you are no longer oppressive, perfect me now if it be your will, Break the web of this sweet encounter.

Oh, sweet burn! Oh, delectable wound! Oh! Soft hand! Oh, delicate touch That savours of eternal life and pays every debt! In slaying, you have changed death into life.

Oh, lamps of fire, In whose splendours the deep caverns of sense which were dark and blind With strange brightness Give heat and light together to their Beloved!

How gently and lovingly you awaken in my bosom, Where you dwell secretly and alone!
And in your sweet breathing, full of blessing and glory, How delicately you inspire my love!

St John of the Cross

Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship today. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered at the communion rail 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 FOR TODAY

464 Thou art the way

We sing a threefold Alleluia before the gospel

295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

285 For the beauty of the earth

235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 6: 1-2, 3-8

The response to Psalm 138 is:

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

PARISH NEWS

<u>Potluck lunch</u> follows this morning's 10.30 am Service. All welcome.

<u>Curry evening</u> There will be a parish curry evening on Tuesday 5 March at 6 pm at Shree Indian restaurant in the Mornington shopping centre. Please sign the notice in the Link so we can make a booking.

<u>Wardens' meeting</u> The Vicar will meet with the Wardens on Wednesday. Please advise Tubby Hopkins or Di Bunker of any matters you want raised at that meeting.

<u>Disappearance of the church cat</u> The cat which entered any hall or church door as soon as it was opened and which seemed to feel that the church grounds were its personal recreation ground has not been seen here for the last few weeks. It is thought that a house which recently sold in Baker St has meant that its owners have transferred elsewhere.

<u>Fellowship group</u> The Fellowship Group will meet at Frances Hodgkins Retirement Village at 2 pm on Tuesday 26 February. Phyllis Wheeler will give a talk and afternoon tea will be provided. Please advise Raylene 455 2389 or Gay 476 1613 by Friday 22 February if you plan attending.

<u>Autumn working bee</u> There will be a clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday 9 March. Your help would be much appreciated.

Rite A revised This morning we begin the trial period of using Rite A Revised at the 10.30 am Service. The trial period will run over the next four Sundays before Lent, they being the remaining three Sundays in February and the first Sunday in March. The parish leadership will then evaluate how this different Great Thanksgiving Prayer has been received.

The advent of ritualism in the diocese of Dunedin As part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the Diocese of Dunedin this year Fr Hugh will give a talk on Saturday 2 March at 10 am in the parish lounge on the way in which Anglo-Catholicism arrived in our diocese. For further details see the poster in the Link or on the Hillside Rd noticeboard. That morning at 11.30 am he will also celebrate a Requiem for Bishop Nevill. His address at that Service will recall little known and remarkable features of the life and ministry of our founder Bishop.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm</u> Claire Johnson, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele and Jennifer Parmenter.

<u>Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time</u> Charlotte Halliburton, Robina Wadham, Leonard Base, Frederick Garrod, Roy Tokona, Margaret Carruthers, Rita Stedman and Stanley Hopkins.

Some reflections on attending the farewell Service for Pastor Roly Scott Doubling the size of the Caversham Baptist congregation to 300 over the past 35 years is an achievement that any departing clergyman would be proud of, particularly as it has been achieved in the face of tough times for the Christian Church. In part this has been because, as it so often is with evangelical couples in ministry, it has been a two for the price of one deal with Trudy Scott being involved boots and all in the congregation's life. It is also a tribute to them that the Scott children are churchgoers also involved in the life of Caversham Baptist with two of them being members of the music group, though this could be potentially tricky for the incoming Pastor, who is expected in April. The Church has been rebuilt during the Scotts' incumbency and will have to be rebuilt again soon in order to comply with earthquake strengthening requirements. One had not appreciated how sport mad Roly is. Images were flashed up on the screen of sporting triumphs of Otago's premier rugby and cricket teams so that Roly could guess these moments of local glory. The result is that the men who attend our local Baptist church tend to be at the butch manly end of the spectrum. Communion was a part of this marathon 2 hours plus Service as this is what they do on the first Sunday of the month. Though very different from our way of celebrating the Lord's Supper (one of the lay leaders presided) it was a surprisingly reverent time of worship. The Service was not without its moments of humour. The solemn conclusion of the Service was to be an act of relinquishment of ministerial responsibility but as the lay leaders gathered on the stage Roly and Trudy were nowhere to be found. They were outside having their photo taken by the ODT and so a considerable wait ensued.

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