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The Pebble

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27th Sunday, Year C

Self-Acceptance

Near this rose, in this grove of sun-parched,
wind-warped madronas,
Among the half-dead trees, I came upon the true ease
of myself,
As if another man appeared out of the depths of my
being,
And I stood outside myself,
Beyond becoming and perishing,
A something wholly other,
As if I swayed out on the widest wave alive,
And yet was still.
And I rejoiced in being what I was

Theodore Roethke, from The Rose

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

5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

HYMNS FOR TODAY

359 Fight the good fight with all thy might

We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading

357 Father hear the prayer we offer

Let all mortal flesh keep silent - solo

249 Round me falls the night

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4](#)

The response to [Psalm 95](#) is:

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts

[2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14](#)

[Luke 17: 5-10](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[2 Kings 5: 14-17](#)

[2 Timothy 2: 8-13](#)

[Luke 17: 11-19](#)

PARISH NEWS

This morning Fr Hugh is the celebrant and preacher this morning. His theme "God's gift was not a spirit of timidity."

Christmas return of the St Kilda brass band Following up on a suggestion from Shane Foster, the conductor of the St Kilda Brass Band, after its highly successful recent concert here Fr Hugh and he are planning for a “Christmas Festival of Brass and Carols” here at St Peter’s on Sunday 22 December at 10.30 am. This will take the place of our usual Nine Lessons and Carols. It will be a Service but with a concert edge to it. The St Kilda brass band ensemble, the inner core of the band of a more mature age, consists of 8 brass players plus a percussionist.

Church working bee There will be a spring clean-up of the church grounds next Saturday beginning at 9am concluding late morning. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

Change of Frances Hodgkins dates Fr Hugh will celebrate the Anglican Eucharist at Frances Hodgkin’s on Thursday 31 October instead of the first Thursday of October due to preparation work required for yesterday’s visit to St Mary Star of the Sea, Port Chalmers. This means he will celebrate on two Thursdays there in a row as on the first Thursday in November he will return to the normal cycle of Anglican Services.

Next curry evening There will be another of our popular curry evenings on Tuesday evening 22 October. Please sign the booking notice on the Link noticeboard to let us know numbers.

Port Chalmers church visit At the time of going to press 31 people had signed up for our visit to St Mary, Star of the Sea, Port Chalmers. The next church visit will be to St Barnabas Warrington early next year.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Cherry Gordon, Paul Hill, John Steele, Jennifer Parmenter, Rosemary Stott, Gillian Gordon, Lorraine Mitchell, Christine Flegg, Mavis Lighton and Anne Bowker.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Steven Taylor, Susan Snell, Ada Morris, Alan Cottle, Elizabeth Blackledge, Andrew Stier, Janey Ross, Helen Elliot, William Lanham, David Steele, Stanley Wright, Elvira Steel, Nyra Phillips, Shona Thomas and Lynette Welch.

Synod of the Amazon From time to time the Pope calls together gatherings of Catholic Bishops from certain areas of the world for consultations in Rome. Many have been unremarkable and little noticed by the world’s press. An exception is the upcoming Synod of the Amazon, a gathering of 300 Catholic leaders in Rome from 6 to 27 October. Pope Francis has announced two agenda items that have drawn wide attention, the need to address urgent ecological issues to save the Amazon and the possibility of ordaining mature married men from the indigenous tribes of the Amazon basin as priests, thus overcoming the grievous lack of local clergy that leaves many Catholics unable to receive communion more than four times a year. The Brazilian government, now lead by a right wing populist, has relaxed restrictions on commercial encroachments on the Amazon resulting in more burn offs than usual so that more of the rain forest than usual is going up in smoke. It has become jumpy about the possibility of critical blow back from the Synod and is keeping it closely under observation. Conservative critics of Pope Francis, particularly from North America, argue that the church’s business is converting people, not ecological conservation issues, and that the church’s rule on clerical celibacy is non-negotiable. That of course ignores the reality that the Maronite church of the Lebanon and the Uniate churches of Eastern Europe that are in communion with Rome are permitted married clergy, as indeed are convert Anglican clergy who are already married. A revitalized Catholic clergy presence is essential in checking the spread of Pentecostal and evangelical missionary incursions that sell a false health and prosperity gospel and that tell the Amazon Indians to abandon their indigenous culture.

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