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## The Pebble

20 October 2019

29th Sunday, Year C

### Holy Sonnet 7

At the round earth's imagined corners, blow  
Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise  
From death you numberless infinities  
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go,  
All whom the flood did, and fire shall overthrow,  
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies,  
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose eyes,  
Shall behold God, and never taste death's woe.  
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space,  
For, if above all these, my sins abound,  
Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace,  
When we are there; here on this lowly ground,  
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good  
As if thou hadst sealed my pardon, with thy blood.

*John Donne*

## 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

500 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

We sing a threefold *Alleluya* before the gospel reading

407 Lord, thy word abideth

384 Jesu, my Lord, my God, my All

405 Lord of the boundless curves of space

### READINGS FOR TODAY

[Exodus 17: 8-13](#)

The response to [Psalm 121](#) is:

**Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth**

[2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 2](#)

[Luke 18: 1-8](#)

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14](#)

[1 John 3: 1-3](#)

[Matthew 5: 1-12](#)

**Organ Postlude** Dialogue sur les mixtures (from "Suite Breve")  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

### PARISH NEWS

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

**Church visit to St Barnabas Warrington** Our next church visit will be to St Barnabas, Warrington on Saturday 25 January when we will celebrate the feast of the conversion of St Paul with an 11 am Eucharist. We may be joined by some of the Warrington congregation. A venue for the lunch is still being sought.

**St Kilda brass band news** Parishioners may have noticed the announcement in a recent ODT that Shane Foster has been selected and confirmed as the band conductor. Before he was engaged on a one off basis to lead the band on a specific engagement such as our annual church concert. From now on he will lead them as their regular conductor and chooser of their musical repertoire.

**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. 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.

**Fellowship group** The Fellowship Group will meet on Tuesday 22 October at 2 pm at St Barnabas to hear Gwen Hudson talk about her recent trip to Russia. Afternoon tea will be served for \$8. Please let Raylene 455 2389 or Gay Webb know if you plan attending.

**Diocesan website** The Diocese website has had a major overhaul and we are encouraged to have a look at some new information and resources there. This includes videos and other resources from the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and the News page where you can sign up for the weekly newsletter The South Calling. Go to: <https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/>

**Please pray for** Asher Katene and Kasanita Tavake to be married at St Peter's in January.

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

**Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time** Ivan Tillbury, Chris Timlin, Alister Keast, Joyce Knowles, Patrick McRodden, David Best (Priest) and Elizabeth Anderson.

### **Fr Hugh's Opinion Page**

**Campus life in 2019** The recent death of a Canterbury university student whose decomposed body was undiscovered for several weeks in a hall of residence and the more recent death of an Otago student at an overcrowded Dundas St flat party raises questions about the quality and nature of contemporary student life. Universities have more students attending than ever before yet there is less of a sense of community amongst the student body than formerly. Often students live a more isolated life since much of their scholarly endeavours are on line with even lecture attendance being sometimes an optional extra since these too can often be accessed on one's laptop. Halls of residence used to provide a sense of community and belonging but nowadays students often move out to flats after their first year so there is less of a sense of continuity flowing on from those who have stayed several years. Otago has created a rod for its own back with the city and the university allowing a student ghetto to emerge in the immediate vicinity of the campus. It looks like a slum and no amount of security cameras or campus watch personnel can prevent the lords of misrule from spontaneously and quickly starting public disorder incidents. It will be difficult to encourage other kinds of residents back into this area as landlords can outbid the usual run of homebuyers on any properties that come up for sale. Although student loans and student debt are big issues they also mean that students have more disposable income than formerly and can afford the drinking bouts that cause such concern.

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