



St Peter's Caversham
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The Pebble

23 August 2020

21st Sunday, Year A

The Night of Fire

God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob
Not of the philosophers and the learned.
Certitude. Certitude. Feeling. Joy. Peace.
God of Jesus Christ.
My God and your God.
Your God will be my God.
Forgetfulness of the world and of everything, except God.
He is only found by ways taught in the Gospel.
Grandeur of the human soul.
Joy, joy, joy, tears of joy...
Jesus Christ.
I left him; I fled him, renounced, crucified.
Let me never be separated from him.
He is only kept securely by the ways taught in the Gospel:
Renunciation, total; and sweet.
Complete submission to Jesus Christ and my director.
Eternally in joy for a day's exercise on the earth.
May I not forget your words. Amen.

Blasé Pascal wrote this description of a mystical experience he had between 10.30 pm and 12.30 pm on 32 November, 1654.

Welcome

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and those who read the Pebble on-line. The Pebble assists those who are participants in our Services and also shares news and views of interest to parishioners.

THE LITURGY FOR TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)

10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist

HYMNS FOR TODAY

337 As pants the hart for cooling streams

We sing the 3-fold Alleluia before and after the Gospel.

410 My God, how wonderful thou art

273 Lord Jesus Christ

494 Christ is the world's true light

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Isaiah 22:15, 18-23](#)

The response to [Psalm 138](#) is:

Lord, your love is eternal;

do not forsake the work of your hands

[Romans 11:33-36](#)

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Jeremiah 20: 7-9](#)

[Romans 12: 1-2](#)

[Matthew 16: 21-27](#)

PARISH NEWS

Level 2 procedures at Today's Services:

- Please complete the contact tracing form at the back of church as you enter.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided at the back of church.

- Please sit where the service books are placed in the pews.
- At the Peace acknowledge those around you without making contact.
- Please line up to receive Communion which will be in one kind (bread) only
- In light of the Diocesan instructions, there will be no Morning Tea this morning.

Today's sermon is entitled "That Numinous Feeling of Awe before the Mystery" and focuses on this morning's reading from the 11th chapter of the epistle to the Romans.

Ladies fellowship group meets on Tuesday at 2 pm in the parish lounge.

St Kilda Brass Band concert postponed Regrettably the current level 2 restrictions have led to the postponement of the late August St Kilda Brass Band concert here at St Peter's. It is hoped we can reschedule this for October.

Uncertainty about Dunedin Diocese Synod The current Level 2 restrictions have created uncertainty about whether the Dunedin Diocese Synod can proceed as planned in the second weekend of September. If meeting restrictions continue and make a face to face Synod impossible there will be a virtual Synod on that Saturday which will be confined to essential business omitting the controversial possible sale measure for Selwyn College.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm Claire Christie, Paul Hill, John Steele, Rosemary Stott, Anne Bowker, Rita-May Brown, Sarah Rolfe, Richard and Carol Devine, Eileen Pratt, Max Stacey, Catherine Russel, Lorraine Mitchell, Michael Forrest and Jane Hill.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Annie Mitchell, Ted Hawkhead, Winnie Dunlop, Robert Jacobs, Olive Hammond-Tooke and Maurice Chetwin.

Ground-breaking ceremony at Holy Trinity Avonside, Christchurch While on leave in Christchurch the Vicar took part in a ground-breaking ceremony at his former parish of Holy Trinity, Avonside being asked to splash holy water on a quadrant of the land assigned for the rebuild, which is in fact the site of the former church. Construction has now begun and is expected to take around a year. This will be a modern building incorporating the worship space and a community gathering area. The architect is Hugh Tennent, whom the Vicar used to completely renovate the interior of St Peter's, Willis St. Our parish hopes to employ his services to resolve the outstanding issues it has with local heritage officers to do with the earthquake strengthening proposals for our Church.

Unordained Co-Dean of the Taranaki The diocese of Waikato is unusual in having two Cathedrals and two Deans, one in Hamilton and a pro-Cathedral in New Plymouth. In a recent move to be up with the play in the bi-cultural stakes and to show that it is fully on board with the three Tikanga structure of the New Zealand Anglican church it was decided to have Co-Deans in the Taranaki, one Pakeha and one Maori. However, what is rather extraordinary is that the Maori Dean is not ordained and is a layman who has recently made his way to the Anglican church from the Baptist church. This illustrates the growing incoherence of the three Tikanga structure of our church.

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