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# The Pebble

Sunday March 3, 2024.

Lent 3



Collect

Lord, help us to see:
to see what is eternally good and true,
and having seen, to go on searching
until we come to the joys of heaven.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

(A NZ Prayer Book)

### **WELCOME**

to all who are sharing in worship with us today and all those who read the Pebble on-line.

### The Liturgy for Today.

8 am Holy Eucharist (1662)10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist5 pm Evensong and Benediction

#### **HYMNS FOR TODAY**

414 O for a closer walk with God

374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

376 I heard the voice of Jesus say

379 In the Cross of Christ I glory

## **READINGS FOR TODAY**

Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

<u>Psalm 19</u> *Response:* Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 1: 18, 22-25

John 2: 13-25

#### **READINGS NEXT WEEK**

2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23

<u>Psalm 137</u> *Response:* Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!

**Ephesians 2: 4-10** 

John 3: 14-21

#### **After the Intercessions:**

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2) When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, (x2) Come and listen to me.

## **Parish News**



<u>Healing Ministry</u> During communion at the 10.30 am Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

<u>Lenten Eucharist and Fish and Chip Supper</u> As has been our custom for some years, Lent sees the return of the Friday evening Eucharist and Lenten Study in the Parish Lounge at 5.30 pm followed by a Fish and Chip Supper.

<u>The Holy Eucharist</u> is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

<u>Brass Cleaning</u> Tuesday March 19 at 1pm. Everyone welcome.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond</u> King Charles, Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Glenda Stephenson, Victoria Douglas, Jimmy Sprague, Fr. Carl.

<u>Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time</u> George Hopkins, Denise Walker, John Hamer, and Thomas Robbins.

Please remember the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, which we support, when you are shopping. Why not buy an extra grocery item to place in the basket at the back of church. The need is very real.

# From the Curate

Reading this week's Gospel, where Jesus clears the money changers and the dove sellers from the entrance of the temple triggered a few thoughts. What if we did this at St Peter's? What if we had a few stalls that you had to walk past on your way in? While it may bring in a bit of extra income, it would drastically alter anyone's first experience as they entered.

Today we hosted the inter-denominational World Day of Prayer service for our area, joining with thousands of churches worldwide praying for peace in Palestine. About 80 percent of the congregation were visitors to St Peter's and for many, walking through our doors was their first experience of our church.

We greeted them with God's love and gave each one an olive sprig to signify both peace and unity. Opening our doors, and our hearts to strangers and visitors is one of the many ways we share God's love. Our entrance is one of the best places to do this.

So, no. I am not suggesting anything remotely commercial.

Instead, I am asking that we open our hearts to our visitors, make a place for them and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

Joel

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