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The Pebble

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23rd Sunday, Year C

Emerging

Not as in the old days I pray,
God. My life is not what it was.
Yours, too, accepts the presence of
the machine? Once I would have asked
healing. I go now to be doctored,
to drink sinlessly of the blood
of my brother, to lend my flesh
as manuscript of the great poem
of the scalpel. I would have knelt
long, wrestling with you, wearing
you down. Hear my prayer, Lord, hear
my prayer. As though you were deaf, myriads
of mortals have kept up their shrill
cry, explaining your silence by
their unfitness.

It begins to appear
this is not what prayer is about.
It is the annihilation of difference,
the consciousness of myself in you,
of you in me; the emerging
from the adolescence of nature
into the adult geometry of the mind

R.S. Thomas

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

415 O for a thousand tongues to sing
We sing a threefold *Alleluia* before the gospel reading
360 Firmly I believe and truly
353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
248 O strength and stay, upholding all creation

READINGS FOR TODAY

[Wisdom 9: 13-18](#)

The response to [Psalm 90](#) is:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

[Philemon 9-10, 12-17](#)

[Luke 14: 25-33](#)

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

[Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14](#)

[1 Timothy 1: 12-17](#)

[Luke 15: 1-32](#)

PARISH NEWS

Brass cleaning There will be brass cleaning at 10.30 am on
Friday 27 September in the church lounge. Please come if you
can.

Synod Service next Sunday A reminder that there will be a
special Synod Service in the Cathedral next Sunday at 10 am to

commemorate the 150th anniversary of the diocese. We are cancelling our usual 10.30 am Service that Sunday in order to join in this significant milestone in the life of our diocese. It will be important for us to show willing as a parish by attending this important diocesan event thus showing that we are an integral part of the diocesan family.

Evensong and Benediction Although we will be attending the Cathedral Synod Service at 10 am next Sunday our usual 8 am and 5 pm Evensong and Benediction Services will take place at St Peter's.

How to make a submission The editorial in this month's Rock points out that the proposed changes to the abortion legislation creates an abortion on demand situation, which is of course clean contrary to the ethical teaching of the Church. Guidelines on how to make a parliamentary submission opposing the bill can be found on the altar at the back of the church and also pinned on the noticeboard in the Link. Please take a copy of the guidelines home to assist in the preparation of your submission.

New Dunedin Dean announced The Revd Tony Curtis, currently Vicar of Shiremoor in the diocese of Newcastle, is to be the next Dean of Dunedin. He is married with two children and has recently completed a theology PhD through Durham University. The Curtis family will move to New Zealand as soon as visas and accommodation can be arranged.

Further church visits are planned In addition to our next church visit to St Mary Star of the Sea, Port Chalmers on Saturday 5 October it is also proposed to go to St Barnabas Warrington early in the New Year followed soon afterwards by a visit to St John's Waikouaiti.

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 Jono Gillies.

Pray for those whose memorial occurs at this time Jessie Coxon, John Larkins, Gardner Robert, Louisa Garrod and William Dwyer.

The ordination of Steve Maina as Bishop of Nelson The ordination Service that Fr Hugh attended last Saturday in Nelson was something of a marathon lasting for two and a half hours, though of course it included the installation of the new Bishop in his Cathedral. A powerful sermon was preached by Bishop Oscar Muriu of the Nairobi Chapel, one of the best heard at an episcopal ordination for some time, and one that may have made some of the more liberally inclined NZ bishops squirm. Most of the NZ bishops were there, including our own Steve Benford, and surprisingly one of the suffragan bishops of Sydney. There were the expected Kenyan action songs and ululating together with lots of choruses from the All Saints, Nelson praise band, which tended to intrude itself into the liturgy unnecessarily. It was good to see both the Mayor and the local MP, Nick Smith, go up for communion. After the Service the Nelson brass band lead the dignitaries and the congregation down the main street, with the traffic being stopped, to the after match function at the Trafalgar Centre. Nelson is proud of its Cathedral, which has given this small urban settlement city status from way back. On Sunday morning Bishop Steve Maina preached an excellent and inspiring sermon at the Choral Eucharist to a packed Cathedral congregation. Amongst the oddities of the clergy procession at the ordination Service was a clergyman with an orange stole, a liturgical colour never before seen, and an elderly Maori woman priest wearing a Spike Milligan hat with a black tassel. Engaging her in conversation afterwards she told me that she wears it to show that she is under the Lord's authority. I told her that I wear my biretta in processions for roughly the same reason.

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