



St Peter's Caversham
The Pebble

15 July, 2012

15th Sunday, Year B

Prayer

Prayer the Churches banquet, Angels age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet, sounding heaven and earth;

Engine against the Almighty, sinners tower,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six days – world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear.

Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted Manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well dressed,
The milkie may, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard,
the souls blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

George Herbert

A Warm Welcome

to all who are sharing with us in worship this morning. The Ministry of Healing and Wholeness is offered in the Lady Chapel during Communion. Everyone is warmly invited to Morning Tea in the Parish Lounge after the Solemn Eucharist.

The Liturgy for Today:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

10:30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist. (The Taize Mass)

HYMNS:

- 437 Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him
407 Lord, thy word abideth
302 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
342 Breathe on me breath of God
458 The Lord my pasture shall prepare

READINGS FOR TODAY:

Amos 7: 12-15

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Mark 6: 7-13

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Ephesians 2: 13-18

Mark 6: 30-34

Parish News

Today's sermon is entitled, "He gave them power over unclean spirits." Jesus delegated remarkable miraculous powers to his close followers as they set out on their first missionary tour. He told them to travel light as a sign of their complete dependence on God, and to deliver those tormented by malignant spiritual forces. Exorcists in today's Church share the privilege of this ministry also, but what they do is primarily about extending the frontiers of God's Kingdom and applying the power of Christ's resurrection, rather than just casting out demons

A prayer tip Hymns are devotional poems, often with considerable theological depth, and they stick in the mind because of their rhymes and rhythms. It could be argued that they are the bedrock of many people's faith. As such they provide a rich resource for prayer. Take for instance the hymn, "Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do." Reciting this first verse slowly, with a long pause afterwards for silence, would be a very good way to begin one's daily prayer. The hymn is a simple and outstanding explanation of what union with God amounts to, what is known as the doctrine of theosis. The third verse would be a useful way to end one's prayer, "Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me, Glows with the fire divine." You will have your own favourite hymns that could similarly resource your personal prayer.

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated in the Parish Lounge at 10am on Thursday. This will be the venue for our Thursday Services throughout the winter.

Organ recital The St Peters Fellowship present an Organ Recital by David Hoskins on Saturday 28 July at 2 pm. It will be a 'light' programme called 'Afternoon Delights' and includes an improvisation on themes suggested by the audience. Admission is free. Parishioners please bring a plate for afternoon tea. A raffle will be held to raise funds for missions.

Looking ahead Throughout July we will continue our patient exploration of Mark's gospel as the Sundays in Ordinary time proceed. Then on Sunday 5 August we will celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration, and on Sunday 19 August the feast of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Vicar turns 60 on Wednesday 5 September. There will be an early evening celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a party in the Vicarage, to which all parishioners are invited. Synod meets in Dunedin over the weekend of 14-16 September.

St Kilda pot luck dinner The gathering together of St Peters parishioners in the St Kilda area for a pot luck meal

will be on Tuesday evening 31 July at Tubby and Averil Hopkins's home 10 Hardy St.

Visit of Dr Edric Baker Monday night's presentation by Dr Edric Baker was in its low key way inspirational and illuminating. Seeking to demystify modern medicine and to make it accessible to the Bangladeshi peasantry who can't afford to pay for it, he has created a clinic that deploys a cadre of paramedics who treat a variety of common and deadly conditions with procedures they have been highly trained in. Most don't even have School Certificate, but have now become competent and effective in what they do. Patients are also instructed in basic life saving protocols while waiting for treatment. The Clinic/Hospital with its scores of paramedics costs around \$220,00 NZ per annum to operate. Perhaps if Tony Ryall gets to hear of this Dr Baker will find himself being airlifted out to run one of our major hospitals.

Annual adjustment It is appropriate that we adjust our giving to the parish each year as salaries, wages and benefits are generally annually adjusted upwards, and of course the parishes costs annually increase. A greater generosity towards God and his Church would also be much appreciated to meet the challenges ahead of insurance costs and earthquake strengthening. At present our giving does not meet our month-by-month expenses, and so we draw down our bequest income to meet the shortfall. In the future the bequest income will need to be focussed on the challenges just mentioned, with the living Church paying its way, and not just relying on the generosity of the Church of former times to sustain it.

Pray for the Sick and Infirm: Rita Marlow, Claire Johnson, John Peterson, Hannah Scott, Lil Bedford, Cherry Gordon, Ben Chisnall, Frances Jenson Denise Walker and Margaret Fraser.

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