



St Peter's Caversham  
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## The Pebble

Sunday, May 11, 2024.

Ascension Day



### Collect.

Eternal God,  
you have given your Son authority  
in heaven and earth;  
grant that we may never lose  
the vision of his kingdom  
but serve him with hope and joy;  
for he is alive and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever.  
Amen.

*(New Zealand 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 Eucharist

### HYMNS FOR TODAY

130 Hail the day that sees him rise (Omit v's 3,4 & 5)  
*We sing the 3-part Alleluia at the Gospel*  
134 The head that once was crowned with thorns  
276 Bread of heaven  
129 O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire

### READINGS FOR TODAY

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47 *Response:* Alleluia. Alleluia!

Ephesians 4: 1-13

Mark 16: 15-20

### READINGS NEXT WEEK

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Psalm 103 *Response:* The Lord has set his throne in  
heaven.

1 John 4: 11-16

John 17: 11-19

### 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



**Healing Ministry** During communion at the 10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you.

**Vestry Meeting** Tuesday 3.00pm in the Lounge

**Thank you** to all those who helped with and attended last week-end's activities - the farewell to Bishop Steven and Lorraine, the working bee at the cottage and the visit of the Red Cross Choir. A wonderful time!

**Morning Prayer** is said in the Lady Chapel each Wednesday at 9 am.

**The Holy Eucharist** is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, Thursday's at 10 am.

**The Rock.** The current issue of the parish magazine is available at the back of church.

**Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and Beyond** Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, , Fr. Carl.

**Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time.**

Barbara Rodgers, Arthur Bath, Warick Larkins and Bruce Moore.



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 Vicar

The progress on the Cottage is going well and we have been very lucky over the last few years. Once the wall coverings were removed we discovered perished wiring, wobbly walls , below code roof trusses and a plumbing leak. I'm so incredibly thankful that our previous tenant wasn't injured or worse.

Dan and I hope to be able to move into the Cottage by the end of the month and be back in our parish. A number of people have noticed we haven't been around lately and thought we had headed back to Australia.

When Jesus first ascended into heaven his disciples trusted he had returned to God and would come back in the near future. However, God isn't bound by time and space, and through the Holy Spirit and Christ, is present with us here and now.

The distance between heaven and earth can't be measured scientifically, but can be measured in faith. John the Baptist proclaimed that the kingdom of God was near, and Jesus Christ proclaimed that the kingdom can be on earth, if we only have hearts to believe. We don't have to wait until we die to experience God's kingdom. We can experience it through recognising Christ's reign here on earth.

Hosanna in the highest.

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