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# The Pebble

Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Ordinary 8



# Collect.

Holy Spirit,
grant us who serve your Church
to mend what is spoiled,
to strengthen what is sound,
and to follow you wherever and however you
may lead.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

### WELCOME

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

### The Liturgy for Today.

8.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)10.30 am Solemn Sung Eucharist5.00 pm Evensong and Benediction

#### **HYMNS FOR TODAY**

**234** Christ, whose glory fills the skies

We sing a 3-fold Alleluia at the Gospel

**178** Tis good, Lord, to be here

308 Thee we adore

417 O God, our help in ages past

#### **READINGS FOR TODAY**

Sirach 27: 4-7

<u>Psalm 92</u> *Response:* Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Luke 6: 39-45

### **READINGS NEXT SUNDAY**

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10

<u>Psalm 91</u> *Response:* Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Romans 10: 8-13

Luke 4: 1-13

### **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 Solemn Sung Eucharist Fr Kit will be available in the Lady Chapel to pray with you on any issue which is concerning you.

Morning Tea Everyone is invited to morning tea and coffee in the Parish Lounge after the 10.30 service.

Morning Prayer Wednesday's at 9 am in the Lady Chapel.

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

Ash Wednesday, March 5.
The first day of Lent, begins with the Holy

Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7pm in St Peter's.

The Ven. Anne van Gend will be ordained and installed as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Dunedin at St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin on Saturday, March 29 at 1pm. A livestream of the service will be available in St Peter's from 1pm on the day followed by a social hour in the Parish Lounge. All are most welcome at either venue.

<u>Pray for the Sick and Infirm in the Parish and</u> <u>Beyond</u> Claire Christie, Paul Hill, Kristian, Shaun, Faye-Noel Brown, and Jill Hodges.

<u>Pray for those whose memorials occur at this time</u>
June Paterson, Frederick White, Margery Scott,
Kaye Fowler, George Hopkins and Denise Walker.

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.

# Kia ora from the Curate

Yesterday I had the honour of blessing a pounamu (greenstone necklace). Traditionally, a pounamu cannot be worn until it is washed in running water and blessed. A pounamu then must be worn for 24 hours before being removed.

We went to the boat ramp by the Vaxhaul Yacht Club, where I stood in the water, rinsed the pounamu and blessed it. The words I said were a traditional karakia (prayer) in te Reo. The English translation spoke of the significance of the stone's history and that how this made it treasured. It also spoke of the Creator and how their love that is passed down to us.

This started me thinking about how we have so much in common with other faiths. Possibly more similarities than differences. Not just with Māori spirituality, but with most other faiths. All speak of a respect for our Creator and for creation, and at the very core of them all is aroha, love.

Our point of difference is Christ, his single act of redemptive sacrifice, and the way this affects us through our lives.

As we begin Lent on Wednesday, we start to focus more on what Jesus means to us, but we should never lose sight of the diversity of faiths, even here in Ōtepoti Dunedin and how this makes our world richer.

Nga mihi nui Joel

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