

**St Stephen with
St John Westminster**



Sunday Eucharist

6th September

2020

10am

The minister welcomes the people

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**

The Introduction

Remain standing as the minister says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit,

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

Invitation to Confession

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen**

The Kyrie eleison may be sung by the choir.

...Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

...Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

...Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
And keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect *for the Day*

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Exodus 12.1-14*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

Sung by the choir.

Response: *Sing to the Lord in the congregation of the faithful*

1 Alleluia. O sing to the Lord a / new song;
sing his praise in the congre-/gation · of the/ faithful.
2 Let Israel rejoice in their / maker;
let the children of Zion be /joyful · in their / king. **R**

3 Let them praise his name in the / dance;
let them sing praise to him with / timbrel and / lyre.

4 For the Lord has pleasure in his / people
and adorns the / poor with sal-/vation. **R**

5 Let the faithful be joyful in /glory;
let them re-/joice in their / ranks,

6 With the praises of God in their / mouths:
and a two-edged / sword in their / hands; **R**

7 To execute vengeance on the / nations
and punishment / on the / peoples;

8 To bind their kings in / chains
and their nobles with / fetters of / iron; **R**

9 To execute on them the judgement de-/creed:
such honour have all his faithful servants. /Al-/le-/luia. **R**

Second Reading: *Romans 13.8-14*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18.15-20*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

A verse may be sung

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to,

take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit

Sermon

Profession of Faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

*Respond to the words 'Lord in your mercy' with 'Hear our prayer'
Ending with:*

**Merciful God,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life together.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Offertory

Offering is available online at CAF Donate, or please leave donations in the box by the North Door at the end of the service.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president praises God for his mighty acts and the choir sings:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The president recalls the Last Supper, and one of these acclamations may be used

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.
or

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

Amen.

or

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Sung by the choir

The president says one of these invitations to communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord
Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for
you.

Eat and drink
in remembrance that he
died for you,
And feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen.

or

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the
world.

Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to
receive you,
but only say the word and I
shall be healed.**

Please stay in your seats during the distribution of communion. The priest will bring communion to you.

Post Communion Prayer

The minister prays the post communion prayer:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We say together:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The minister gives any notices

Final Blessing

The minister gives the following or another suitable blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Due to current circumstances, we cannot offer refreshments after the service. Please leave in a socially distanced manner by the West Door.

Prayers of Intercession

In our parish cycle of prayer: Mothers' Union Headquarters, Tufton Street and Local social and community workers

For those who live in: Dean Bradley Street and Romney Street

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:

Bishop Mark Maung Doe, the people and priests of the Diocese of Pa'an

We pray for our New York City link parish:

The Church of the Holy Trinity and their Rector, Revd John F. Beddingfield, praying particularly for their adult education programme.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of the Province of Southern Africa: Thabo Makgoba (Primate, and Archbishop of Capetown)

Ribe (Denmark): Elof Westergaard (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: those in full-time education

South Camden Deanery: Jonathan Kester (Area Dean), Jennie Hogan, Jon March and Kev Murdoch (Sub-Deans)

Deanery Synod: Bill Saunders (Lay Chairman), Andy Geers (Treasurer)

Among those who have asked for our prayers:

Robin Fairfax; Vera Godsall; Marian Hall; Jean Haswell; Dyfrig Jones; Alan Mack; Michael Pryce Jones; Miriam Lesmond; Pete Read; Henry Taylor; John Travis-Clarke; Gay Widmer; Anne Norman-Butler; Marian McHale; Amal Griffin; Fraser Copley and his dad, Kevin Copley; Pete Barney; Tom Robinson; Eddie Catton; Ramone, his parents Anne and Mo, and his brothers Liam and Raheem; John Turpin; Alan Blaiden

For the Years' Mind of: Owen Cramp; Louise Callender

This week at St Stephen's

Morning & Evening Prayer are said Monday to Friday, 9.15am & 6.00pm	
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