



# St Stephen with St John Westminster

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## Weekly Notes

9<sup>th</sup> August 2020

(Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

### Today:

10:00am Parish Eucharist live on Zoom  
6:00pm Evensong live on Zoom

### This Week

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

BCP Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Zoom details as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86386472199?pwd=aHVuNFVINGlYQkR5RnEvaopKV1VLUto9>

Meeting ID: 863 8647 2199

Password: 024402

Tea@3 on Thursdays. Please do join us and our friends from St Barnabas via Zoom

[Meeting ID: 876 875 6365](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8768756365)

Password: 657351

This week we welcome David Hobden, who will be preaching today.

St Stephen's Rochester Row is now open for limited public worship and private prayer:

- Parish Eucharist will continue to be live streamed on Zoom and we are open for public worship during said Evensong on Sundays at 6pm as well as BCP Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 12:30pm, both of which will continue to be streamed.
- Mondays and Thursdays from 11am to 5pm, St Stephen's will be open for private prayer. Please be aware that strict social distancing guidelines will be in place for everyone's protection and can accommodate a maximum of 8 people in the church at any given time. Other local churches will have different opening hours. If you are interested in volunteering at the church during these times, please get in touch with the parish office or Graham.
- Masks/coverings are to be worn over the nose and mouth whilst inside the church.

Help Feed Children this Summer - The Pimlico Foundation is setting up a lunch and activity club during the summer holidays to help alleviate food poverty amongst children in the area. It will run from 20<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> August from 12:00-13:00 and 13:00-15:30 at various local churches, and they are in need of volunteers or donations. If you would like to be involved and are able to help, please contact Helena at [curate@sswsj.org](mailto:curate@sswsj.org).

Please use the Ordinary Time service setting posted online [here](#) to follow the service.

***If you are so inclined, please do stay behind for a coffee and a chat after the service on Zoom. It is always lovely to catch up socially but understand if you would prefer to contemplate the sermon quietly instead. St Stephen's is here to support you in your own way.***

**Introit:** [There is a redeemer](#)

1. There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One
2. Jesus my redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Oh, for sinners slain
3. Thank you, oh my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done
4. When I stand in Glory  
I will see His face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that Holy Place
5. Thank you, oh my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done
6. There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One
7. Thank you, oh my father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done
8. And leaving Your Spirit  
'Til the work on Earth is done

**The Collect**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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:** *Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28*

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son

of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

### **Psalm 105.1-6,16-22,45b\***

**Response:** *Remember the marvels the Lord has done*

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,  
Make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises,  
And tell of all his marvellous works.  
Rejoice in the praise of his holy name;  
Let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord. R.

Seek the Lord and his strength;  
Seek his face continually.  
Remember the marvels he has done,  
His wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
O seed of Abraham his servant,  
O children of Jacob his chosen. R.

Then Israel came into Egypt;  
Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

And the Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;  
He made them too many for their adversaries,  
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people  
And dealt craftily with his servants. R.

Then sent he Moses his servant  
And Aaron whom he had chosen.  
That they might keep his statutes  
And faithfully observe his laws.  
Alleluia. R.

**Second Reading:** Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

‘The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 14.22-33*

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’

Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

## **Prayers of Intercession**

***In our parish cycle of prayer:*** Bellringers and Local Medical Centres

***For those who live in:*** Chapter Street and Regency Place

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

*Bishop David Nyi Nyi Naing, the people and priests of the Diocese of Mandalay*

***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 the children's Sunday School*

***In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:***

*Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda (L'Eglise Anglicane au Rwanda): Laurent Mbanda (Archbishop, and Bishop of Shyira)*

*Stockholm (Sweden): Andreas Holmberg (Bishop)*

*Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for charity workers*

*Pray for the Bishop of Edmonton, the Rt Revd Rob Wickham, and for his staff, including personal assistant Janet Eaves*

***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*

***RIP:*** Bob Szewczyk; Sarah Valentine; Robert Smith

***For the Years' Mind of:*** Owen Cramp, Louise Callender, James Peter Morris

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**Offertory:** [Gather around the table is spread](#)

Gather around, for the table is spread,  
Welcome the food and rest!  
Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head,  
He is the honoured guest.  
Learn of his love, grow in his grace,  
Pray for the peace he gives;  
Here at this meal, here in this place  
Know that his spirit lives!  
Once he was known in the breaking of bread,  
Shared with a chosen few;  
Multitudes gathered and by him were fed,  
So will he feed us too.

Offering is now welcomed through our [CAF Donate link](#).

## Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have willed that the gate of mercy  
should stand open for those who trust in you:  
look upon us with your favour  
that we who follow the path of your will  
may never wander from the way of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Recessional: [Oh Jesus, I have promised](#)

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2 O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

3 O let me feel thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

4 O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.