



St Stephen with St John Westminster

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Weekly Notes

30th August 2020

(Thirteenth 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=aHVuNFVINGlYQkR5RnEvaopKV1VLUTog>

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

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.

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: [Come ye Faithful, Raise the Anthem](#)

1 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
Sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.

2 Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
Formed the seas, or built the sky,
Love eternal, free, and boundless,
Forced the Lord of life to die,
Lifted up the Prince of princes
On the throne of Calvary.

3 Now on those eternal mountains
Stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
With the ceaseless alleluias
Which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
Victor after hard-won fight.

4 Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
Sweep the string and pour the lay;
Let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
He the Lamb once slain is worthy,
Who was dead, and lives for ay.

5 Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
While unending ages run. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
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 3.1-15*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.'

And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 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 he called down famine over the land
And broke every staff of bread.
But he had sent a man before them,
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
They shackled his feet with fetters;
His neck was ringed with iron.
Until all he foretold came to pass,
The word of the Lord tested him. R.

The king sent and released him;
The ruler of peoples set him free.

He appointed him lord of his household
And ruler of all he possessed,
To instruct his princes as he willed
And to teach his counsellors wisdom.
That they might keep his statutes
And faithfully observe his laws.
Alleluia. R.

Second Reading: *Romans 12.9-21*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 16.21-28*

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Prayers of Intercession

In our parish cycle of prayer: *London Diocesan House and Local shops and stores*

For those who live in: *Dean Ryle Street and Rochester Row*

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

the Catechists serving outlying areas throughout Myanmar

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 wisdom about how best to develop their premises

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the United Church of South India: Dharmaraj Rasalam (Moderator, and Bishop of South Kerala)

Turku (Finland): Tapio Luoma (Archbishop), Kaarlo Kalliala (Bishop

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for those working in the world of fashion, beauty and wellbeing

Pray for all retired priests serving in the Edmonton Area

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

RIP: Beryl Vanderpool

For the Years' Mind of: Joyce Olive Biggs; John Hodgson; Beatrice Sarah Bull; Irina Palmer

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory: [Take up Thy Cross](#)

1 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

2 Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

4 Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Recessional: [Christ be our Light](#)

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ, be our light!

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.
Christ, be our light!

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light!

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light!