



St Stephen with St John Westminster

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Weekly Notes

20th September 2020

(Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Today:

10:00am Parish Eucharist
6:00pm Evensong

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

BCP Wednesdays at 12:30pm.

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

[Meeting ID: 876 875 6365](#)

Password: 657351

The church is now open for services on Sunday as well as the following times:

- Monday 11am to 5pm,
- Wednesday 11am to 2pm
- Thursdays from 11am to 5pm

Please note that we are currently abiding by the government's social distancing guidelines and all visitors to the church must wear a mask. The toilet will remain closed for the time being.

The Silent Hour is restarting, this Tuesday 5 to 6 pm in St Stephens. Do join in. All welcome

Helena Bickley-Percival is to be ordained deacon at St Paul's on Saturday 26th September at 2:30pm. Please pray for Helena, Percy and the church. The live stream link, should you wish to participate is, is available [here](#):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKcWIggNLys&feature=youtu.be>.

John Blackburne is also to be ordained on Monday 28th September, please do keep him in your prayers.

Our AGM is now scheduled for **11th October**, to be held after the Parish Eucharist at 10am. This will be held both in church and on Zoom.

Electoral Roll: If you have moved since March 2019, or are not currently on our electoral roll but would like to be, please download the form [on the website here](#), print, sign and mail in physical signed copy to the office address on the form.

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

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 may be sung.

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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 16.2-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." '

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the

Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105.1-6, 37-end

Response: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to him

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his /name;
make known his deeds a-/mong the /peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing /praises,
and tell of all his /marvellous /works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy /name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who /seek the /Lord. R

4 Seek the Lord and his /strength;
seek his /face con-/tinually.

5 Remember the marvels he has /done,
his wonders and the /judgements · of his /mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his /servant,
O children of /Jacob his/ chosen. R

37 Then he brought them out with silver and /gold;
there was not one among their /tribes that /stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their de-/parting,
for a dread of them had /fallen up-/on them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a /covering
and a fire to/light up the /night. R

40 They asked and he brought them /quails;
he satisfied them with the/ bread of /heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed /out
and ran in the dry places /like a /river.

42 For he remembered his holy /word
and /Abraham, his /servant. R

43 So he brought forth his people with /joy,
his/chosen ones ·with/ singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the /nations
and they took possession of the /fruit of their /toil,

45 That they might keep his /statutes
and faithfully observe his /laws. Alle-/luia. R

Second Reading: *Philippians 1.21-end*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 20.1-16*

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.

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they

received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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.

In our parish cycle of prayer: SPCK Headquarters, Causton Street and local ambulance service

For those who live in: Dean Trench Street and Smith Square

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:
the new Music & Ministry School now in Pathein, and their Director the Revd. Saw Hillary

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 programs and people served through Holy Trinity Neighborhood Center (HTNC)

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan: Justin Arama (Archbishop, and Bishop of Juba)

Greenland: Sofie Petersen (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we thank God for the opportunity to worship freely in our city

Pray for the work of the Archdeacon of Hampstead, The Venerable John Hawkins, and his assistant Maura Roni

Pray for those to be ordained at Michaelmas

-candidates to be ordained priest today by the Bishop of Stepney at St Giles, Cripplegate

-candidates to be ordained priest today by the Bishop of London at St Michael and All Angels, Bedford Park

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; the Blaiden family

For the Years' Mind of: *Alice Victoria Beavis; John Duggan; Sylvia Brown; Michael Wilkinson; William Reginald James Pullen KCVO; Fay Gwendoline Chamberlain; Sr Verity CSA*

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 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.

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

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:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through 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

The Dismissal

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.

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