



St Stephen with St John Westminster

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Weekly Notes

25th October 2020

(Last Sunday after Trinity)

Today:

10:00am Parish Eucharist
6:00pm Evensong

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

Silent Hour on Tuesdays at 5pm

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

Next Week is All Saints Sunday - Start of The Kingdom Season

Preacher for Evensong this Sunday - our friend Rev David Hobden

Please sign list at the back of church or email Graham if you wish any departed loved-one you wish to be remembered at All Souls Eucharist at 6.30pm Monday 2 November. Please come or watch live on FB. No 5.35pm Monday Eucharist this week

Come and See From the 1st to the 29th November, Helena will be leading a series on Pilgrimage after the Sunday Eucharist, culminating in a mini-pilgrimage on the 29th. It will begin on Zoom and in the church at 11:20, and last for about 20 minutes. All are very welcome!

Preachers For Said Evensong 6pm

During the Kingdom Season (Nov) 2020, we shall be looking at chaplains and their ministries:

1 Nov - Rev Harry Ching (Chaplain to Chinese Community)

8 Nov - Rev John Vincent (Chaplain to Household Guards)

13 Nov - Rev Myles Owen (Chaplain to Grey Coat Hospital School)

20 Nov - Rev Tasha Critchlow (Chaplain to St Bart's Hospital)

We are very fortunate to have these people to come and preach for us. Do come along or join us on Zoom and invite your family and friends.

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



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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

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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: *Deuteronomy 34.1-12*

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17

LORD thou hast ' been our refuge : from one gene'ration ' to an'other.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the ' world were ' made : thou art God from ever'lasting and ' world without ' end.

3 Thou turnest ' man to de'struction : again thou sayest, Come a'gain ye ' children of ' men.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight ' are but as ' yesterday: seeing that is ' past · as a 'watch in the ' night.

5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are ' even as a ' sleep : and fade away ' suddenly ' like the ' grass.

6 In the morning it is green and ' groweth ' up : but in the evening it is cut down ' dri-ed ' up and ' withered.

13 Turn thee again O Lord ' at the ' last: and be ' gracious ' unto thy ' servants.

14 O satisfy us with thy mercy ' and that ' soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad ' all the ' days of our ' life.

15 Comfort us again now, after the time that ' thou hast ' plagued us : and for the years where'in we have ' suffered ad'versity.

16 Shew thy ; servants thy ' work : and their ' children ' thy ' glory.

17 And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God ' be up'on us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O ' prosper ' thou our ' handy-work.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2.1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.34-end

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.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ‘What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?’ They said to him, ‘The son of David.’ He said to them, ‘How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet’ ”?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?’ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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**'

In our parish cycle of prayer: Our Administrator and Bursar, and Tate Britain

For those who live in: Estherbrook Street and Tufton Street

As part of St Stephen's link with the Church in Myanmar:
all political prisoners and refugees in Burma

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 young adult group

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church in Wales (Yr Eglwys Yng Nghymru): John Davies (Archbishop, and Bishop of Swansea & Brecon)

Stavanger (Norway): Anne Lise Ådnøy (Bishop)

Capital Vision 2020 Ambassadors: we pray for all ambassadors working in retail

Brent Deanery: Andrew Teather (Area Dean), ^{[[SEP]]}Sophie Schuil-Brewer (Chapter Clerk)

Deanery Synod: ^{[[SEP]]}Carole Bevis-Smith (Secretary), Hyacinth Young (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; Tony Reid; Mark O'Donnell; Jan Broad; Angela Farquhar

RIP: John Russell

For the Years' Mind of: Alex Violet Reindorp; Eric Kennedy; Kenneth David Jones; Ethel May Pearson; Alice Cumberland; Violet Dunsby; Doris Taylor; Lyn Dornhurst; Michael John Condon

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 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:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

We say together:

**Loving God,
whether we are in your church or joining online from another place,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, and renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world and
continue in the risen life of Christ our Saviour. 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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