

HYMNS

753 O praise ye the Lord
 742i O for a thousand tongues
 787ii Take my life and let it be
 739 Now thank we all our God

PRAYERS

- For the Church; in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui), for Holy Wisdom Church, Fan Ling.

-For Hong Kong and the world...

-For the sick, especially Lo Yuk Wah, Karen Flores, Sin-Toon Phua, Tang Ying Tai, Wong Yuk Lin, and Donna Willis.

-For the departed...

If you would like to include anyone by name in our prayers, please let Will, Alison or Olivia know.

VOLUNTEERS	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Welcomers	Yung Family	Yung Family
Altar Server	Boris	
Readers	Andy Ronald	Charlotte
Intercessions	Chris Lawrence	
Offertory & Collection	Simon & Charlotte	
Chalice	<i>Not required</i>	<i>at present</i>
Refreshments	<i>No Refreshments</i>	<i>at present</i>
Flowers	Alison	
Junior Church	<i>No Sunday School</i>	<i>at present</i>

Thank you to all volunteers!

You may like to donate flowers in celebration, in memoriam, or for any reason. Yours to take away after church if you wish. Contact Alison or Olivia.

The church colour this season is green for growth

NOTICES

Harvest Festival next Sunday 18th October.
Please bring your harvest gifts to church.
 Rice, noodles, cooking oil, coffee,
 and tinned foods in date (no pork).

St Stephen's Chapel Committee will meet by Zoom this Thursday 15th October, making plans for Autumn and Winter.

Need help in dealing with life's pressures?

St Stephen's Round Table
 Sharing the challenges and solutions around Hong Kong life – new and old.
 Meeting in Central
 6.30pm Wednesday 14th October
chris@lawrenceonline.net

A safe and supportive small group.

Next Sunday afternoon the clergy and representatives from all the parishes will meet to elect a new Archbishop of Hong Kong. Please pray for the electors, and the 3 candidates: Bishop Andrew Chan, Bishop Timothy Kwok, and Bishop Matthias Der. St Stephen's representative is Jeff Blount.

St Stephen's needs YOU
to volunteer for Sunday duties!
Please see Alison after the service.

Please join us for tea and coffee after church

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11th October 2020
 18th Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Eucharist

The Revd Will Newman



1st Reading from the Book of the Exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.’ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, ‘Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!”’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, ‘O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the

mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Exodus 32.1-14

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.4-9

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Matthew 22.1-14

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.
