St. Stephen's Chapel Stanley, Hong Kong

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2nd August 2020 8th Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Eucharist The Revd Will Newman



HYMNS

649 God of mercy, God of grace

386i Praise we now

629i Father hear the prayer we offer

766 Praise my soul the king of heaven

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The Church; in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui), for the Church of the Transfiguration, Yau Tong
- Hong Kong, China and the world...
- The sick, especially Lo Yuk Wah, Karen Flores, Sin-Toon Phua, Tang Ying Tai, Wong Yuk Lin, Donna Willis, Rita Farmer, James Green, and Faye Butcher.
- The departed, especially Mike Broom, and 'Auntie May' from Emmanuel Church Pokfulam.

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

NOTICES

Sunday Collections are way down because we've all been away for so much of this year, but our costs still have to be paid.

Would you like to make a 'catch up' donation to St Stephen's for the months away, and in thanksgiving for the continuing life and witness of the church through these times?

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A reading from the Book of Genesis

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel¹, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Iacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Genesis 32.22-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14.13-21

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

THE GOSPEL

¹ Jacob means 'Supplanter' – someone who takes the place that belongs to another. Israel means 'One who strives with God'.