

HYMNS

135 Take up thy cross
129 Lord teach us how
130i My spirit longs for thee
712 Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERS

- For the Church: in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui) we pray for Church of the Epiphany, Tsing Yi, The Revd Joseph Charles.
- For our world
- For the sick, especially, Valery Garrett, Stephen Cherry.
- For the departed

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

Thank you to all our volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS	TODAY	Next Sunday
Welcomers	Alison Harada	The Scouts
Altar Server	Boris Lee	
Readers	Alison Harada Clive Rough	The Scouts Graham Price
Intercessions	Judith Crosbie-Chen	
Offertory & Collection	Noel Mookerji	The Scouts
Chalice	Ronald Yuen Amelia Wilson	
Refreshments	Clive Rough	Elaine Sanchez
Flower	No flowers in Lent	No flowers in Lent
Sunday School	David Bradley Catherine Freeman	No Sunday School

St Stephen's Ceilidh March 3 Saturday 6pm
Scottish dancing with live music and curry supper. A fun evening for all ages.

The Bible in 5 Easy Stages,
starting tomorrow 8pm at the Vicarage.
1. Creation to the Promise Land.

A beautiful concert of music for Lent
with Tallis Vocalis choir
Sunday 25 March 6pm. Free admission,
retiring collection for charity.

You can hear Will speaking on RTHK 4
(97.6FM) at 9.50am every Tuesday
in February and March.

If you're not free one Sunday morning, try
Sunday 6pm at St John's Cathedral.
Tonight: Taize Evening Prayer
Next Week: Choral Evensong

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*The colour of the priest's stole and the veil covering
the chalice is purple for penitence.*

Please join us for tea and coffee after church.

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25th Feb 2018
Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Holy Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Revd Will Newman



Abraham and Sarah, Marc Chagall 1956

1st Reading from the second book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram¹, but your name shall be Abraham²; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

¹ Abram means [exalted ancestor]

² Abraham means [ancestor of many]

2nd Reading from the Paul Letter to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4.13-17

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus began to teach the disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Mark 8.31-end

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ