

HYMNS

765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
 787ii Take my life and let it be
 708 Lift up your hearts
 739i Now thank we all our God

PRAYERS

- For the Church; in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui), for St Thomas' Church, Sham Shui Po, for the Revd Arthur Ho, Harwood Fung, and Paul Tsang.
 -For Hong Kong and the world...
 -For 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.
 -For the departed, especially those we have known and loved.

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	
Altar Server	Heloise	Charlotte
Readers	Charlotte Alison	Anna Edward
Intercessions	Phoebe Poon	Graham
Offertory	Simon & Alison	
Chalice	<i>Not required</i>	<i>for now</i>
Refreshments	<i>Not served</i>	<i>for now</i>
Flowers	Olivia	Christine
Junior Church	<i>No Sunday School</i>	<i>for now</i>

Thank you to all volunteers!

Donate flowers in celebration, in memoriam, or simply for their beauty and the glory of God! Yours to take after church. Contact Alison or Olivia.

**The church colour in this season is green,
 nature's colour of new life.**

NOTICES

Please welcome Fr Franklin Lee from the cathedral this morning. Will is leading and preaching at the cathedral at 9am, 11.45 and 5pm.

Following Jesus: Six Marks of Discipleship helps us to explore ways that we can be a community of faithful disciples. A 6-week course at 8pm Wednesday evenings, continues this week. After People of Prayer, Pilgrims, & Companions, we come to 'Servants'.

Next Sunday's bible readings:
 Genesis 25.19-34
 Romans 8.1-11
 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 The Parable of the Sower

Our sister church Emmanuel has still not been able to re-open in their home in Bethany, Pokfulam. Last week and this week they are enjoying our hospitality, holding their own service here in St Stephen's at 3pm.

Sunday Evenings 5pm at St John's Cathedral
 Today: Choral Evensong
 July 12th: Iona Eucharist
 If you can't come to St Stephen's one Sunday morning, don't miss church!

Is your name on the Volunteer list? No? St Stephen's needs YOU to volunteer for Sunday duties!

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5th July 2020

4th Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Eucharist

The Revd Franklin Lee



St Paul writing to the Romans talks about his struggle between good and evil. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, named 'The Simpsons' as his favourite TV show.

1st Reading from the Book of Genesis

Abraham's servant said to Rebekah's brother Laban, 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son Isaac."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.'

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Genesis 24.42-49, 58-67

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 7.15-25

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THE GOSPEL

Hear the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance."

"We wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.