

HYMNS

198 At the Lamb's high feast we sing (omit v.3)
 203 Good Christians all
 507 We have a gospel to proclaim (omit v.5)
 217 The strife is o'er

PRAYERS

- For the Church; in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui), for St Philip's Church, Tin Shui Wai, as they celebrate their 25th anniversary, and for the Revd Cindy Kwok.
 -For Hong Kong and the world... for the people of Myanmar and especially our friends in the Diocese of Toungoo.
 -For the sick, especially Rita Farmer and Kevin Burnett.
 -For the departed, especially Lo Oi Lin, mother of Elisa, the Dean's Secretary.

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

VOLUNTEERS	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Welcomers	Mookerji Family	Alison
Altar Server	Noah	Boris
Reader	Henry Wheare Hannah	Philippine Noah
Intercessions	Julian	Alison
Offertory & Collection	Noel and Yasmin	Sanchez Family
Flowers	Tessa	Christine
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>No Refreshments</i>	<i>at present</i>
<i>Junior Church</i>	<i>No Sunday School</i>	<i>at present</i>

Thank you to all volunteers!

The flowers today are given to the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter to Robyn and Matt, a first grandchild for Richard and Tessa.

The church colour for Easter is gold for glory.

NOTICES

Congratulations to Noah Mookerji!
This morning we will commission Noah as our newest Server. Other older children are also very welcome to become servers.
Talk with Will and Boris.

Great news!
 Sunday School will reopen on May 16th.
 Children must wear facemasks and observe social distancing as much as possible. Furniture will be disinfected before Sunday School.
 Temperature checks etc as usual.

Next Sunday 9th May is Mothers' Day.
 Flowers for all mothers!
 Will will be at the cathedral next Sunday.
 Please welcome the Revd Amos Poon to St Stephen's.

Cursillo
 The Cursillo movement is a dynamic, joyful way of revitalizing your faith and living an active Christian life in your community.
 The next HK Cursillo residential weekend is on June 11-14 on Cheung Chau. Find out more from Alison or Will.

Please pray for the Very Revd KK Chan, the new Dean of St John's Cathedral.
 We look forward to welcoming KK to St Stephen's soon.

Please sign up for Sunday service duties in the coming weeks. Thank you!

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5th Sunday of Easter

2nd May 2021

10am Holy Eucharist
 The Revd Will Newman



I am the true vine

1st Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’ The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the

region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Acts 8.26-40

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading from the 1st Letter of John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, ‘I love God’, and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother

or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

1 John 4.7-21

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 John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

John 15.1-8

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.
