

HYMNS

721 ii Love Divine

Choir: *O God you search me and you know me*

580 Judge eternal

608 Christ is our cornerstone

Choir: *Communion Hymn 389 Spirit of God*

641i Glorious things of thee are spoken (*omit v.3*)

PRAYERS

- For the Church; for the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui), and for the Church of the Holy Word, Tsim Sha Tsui

-For Hong Kong and the world...

-For the sick, especially Rita Farmer and John Ford.

-For the departed, especially Wong Hon-pui and Faye Butcher.

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

VOLUNTEERS	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
Welcomers	Ed & Anna	Alison
Altar Server	Boris	Charlotte
Readers	Julian Lyden Philippine	Chris Lawrence Marlon
Intercessions		Alison
Offertory & Collection	Henry & Tanya Yung	Sanchez Family
Flowers	Alison	

Refreshments *No Refreshments* *at present*

Junior Church *No Sunday School* *at present*

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 for the Kingdom Season
is red for royalty**

NOTICES

Our service this morning will be recorded and broadcast on RTHK4 (97.6FM) at 11.05am.
There is no Zoom this week.

First Communion

The course for children age 7+ to prepare to receive First Communion starts after church next Sunday, 11.15-12 noon. We will make a Timeline of the Life of Jesus, and find out what he said and did, and what he tells us about God.
All older children welcome.

Christmas starts early!
Christmas Carol Service with Cecilians Singers
Wednesday 2nd December.
Details to follow.

Can't get to church on Sunday morning?
Don't miss the Cathedral, Sundays at 5pm.
Today – Choral Evensong
November 22nd – Adult Baptism & Confirmation
November 29th – Advent Service

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

What does the Bible really tell us about the Birth of Jesus? Join our Advent Course with Will at the Vicarage or on Zoom, Tuesday evenings 8th, 15th and 22nd December.

Please join us for tea and coffee after church

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15th November 2020

2nd Sunday before Advent

10am Holy Eucharist

Broadcast Service

The Revd Will Newman



Joy!

1st Reading from the Prophecy of Zephaniah

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7, 12-18

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Thessalonians

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

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.

'It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made

five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25.14-30

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.