

St. Stephen's Chapel

Stanley, Hong Kong

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in the Anglican / Episcopal Diocese of Hong Kong Island

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27th September 2020

16th Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Eucharist

The Revd Will Newman



Water from the Rock

HYMNS

4 New every morning is the love
46 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
823 Who would true valour see
652 Guide me O thou great Redeemer

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The Church; in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui), for St John's Cathedral, and for the Dean, Matthias Der, who will be consecrated Bishop on Saturday afternoon.
- 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, Faye Butcher, and Kevin Burnett.
- The departed...

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

NOTICES

The Dean of St John's Cathedral, Matthias Der, will be consecrated as Bishop in the cathedral at 3pm next Saturday. Because of the virus restrictions the service will be for invited congregation only, and the service will be livestreamed. St Stephen's will be represented by Will, and Alison (who is on Cathedral Council). Matthias will continue as Dean of the Cathedral at present.

This morning after church we'll have time to catch up with each other again. Please stay with us on Zoom if you'd like to greet and hear from other members of the congregation.

Tuesday 29th September is Michaelmas, the Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels. Will is preaching at the evening service at the cathedral at 7.30pm. You're welcome to join the service online via the cathedral website.

A reading from the Book of the Exodus

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me to death.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb¹. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah², because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Exodus 17.1-7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹ Horeb is the name of the mountain of God.

² Massah means 'Test' and Meribah means 'Quarrel'.

THE GOSPEL

Hear the holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

Matthew 21.23-32

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.