



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 13th August 2017

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 14)



Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

Hymns: 486: 407

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 437: 345: 480: 486

12.30pm Baptism of Alex Myles Harvey

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Introit When I callèd upon the Lord, he regarded my petition; yea, from the battle that was against me: and he hath brought them down, even he that is of old, and endureth for ever: O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee.

Psalm Hear my prayer, O Lord and hide not thyself from my petition; take heed unto me, and hear me. Glory be to the Father...

Gradual Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings. √. Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is equal.

Alleluia Alleluia. Alleluia. √. Thou, O God, art praised in Syon: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Offertory Unto thee O Lord, lift I up my soul; O my God; in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded; Neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed.

Communion The sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

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Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading - 1 Kings Ch19 v9-18

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

¹¹He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

New Testament Reading - Romans Ch10 v5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? '

The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel - Matthew Ch14 v22-33

²² Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the sea, while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?'³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world

where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Elizabeth Opie, Joyce Craske, Alisha De Guerin,
Judy Bobbitt, Maureen Pitman, Alisha De Guerin, Tony Renouf,
Kate McCall and David Le Lièvre.

Please pray for a family with young children that is going through
a difficult time, for Jennifer and her three children and for Pam.

Services for this week

Tuesday 15th August 11.00am Said Mass BCP - The Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 16th August 7.00pm Said Mass - Rock, Healer, 14th century

Friday 18th August 7.00pm Said Mass - Helen, Empress and Mother of
Constantine, 330

Sunday 20th August

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Said Mass with Hymns and Sermon

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

12.30pm Baptism of Megan Miller

Please join us for refreshments in the vestry after the 11.00am Mass

After Mass please put the kneelers back on the shelf. Thank you!

Deadline for notices for next bulletin – 6.00pm Thursday

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