

Services for this week

The church is currently closed due to Covid restriction



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 21st February 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass with sermon and Hymns
Hymns: 67: S.29

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon
Hymns: 67: 307: 70: 64

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Introit He shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto him; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour: with length of days will I satisfy him.

Psalm Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Glory be...

Gradual He shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Tract Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. *V.* I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my stronghold: my God, in him will I trust. *V.* For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence. *V.* He shall defend thee under his wings: and thou shalt be safe under his feathers. *V.* His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler: thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night. *V.* Nor for the arrow that flieth by day; for the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday. *V.* A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee. *V.* For he shall give his Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone. *V.* Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet. *V.* Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known my Name. *V.* He shall call upon me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble. *V.* I will deliver him, and bring him to honour: with long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Offertory He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Communion The Lord shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

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Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 - Genesis Ch9 v8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹²God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

New Testament Reading - 1 Peter Ch3 v18-22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel acclamation

Choir: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Priest: The Lord is a great God, O that today you would hear his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel - Mark Ch1 v9-15

⁹Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him
who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please remember in your prayers

Hazel and John Greany, Christine Shaw,
Brenda Penfold, Alisha De Guerin, Val Moullin,
a woman suffering from depression, Anthony De La Mare,
Melvyn Boxall, Janice Firth, a woman battling with alcoholism,
Maria, Jeanette, Alan Warner, Eileen Price, James and
Gillian Harvey.

Please also pray for the soul of David Samman
May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory