



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 14th March 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday Laetare Sunday

Services Today

9.30am Said Mass and Family Ministry

Hymns: 285 (Omit * - 2nd Tune) : 186

11.00am Sung Mass with Sermon

Hymns: 77: 185: 387: 186

679 The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday and Laetare Sunday

Introit Rejoice thee with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her: that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.

Psalm I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be...

Gradual I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. *V.* Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Tract They that put their trust in the Lord, shall be even as the Mount Sion: which may not be removed, but standeth fast forever. *V.* The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about his people; from this time forth for evermore.

Offertory O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious; O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely: whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth.

Communion Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity in itself: for thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, to testify unto thy name, O Lord.

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Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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- Exodus Ch2 v1-10

¹Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

New Testament Reading - 2 Corinthians Ch1 v3-7

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel acclamation

Priest: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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 - Luke Ch2 v33-35

³³ The father and mother of the child Jesus, were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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.

Services for this week

The church is currently closed due to Covid restriction