



Welcome to the Parish Church of St Stephen

Sunday 16th February 2025

The Third Sunday before Lent Septuagesima

9.30am Family Service with Children's Church

11.00am Sung Mass

Hymns S.38: Responsorial Psalm 1: 333: 341: 114

Chorus

Be still and know that I am God:

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I am the Lord who heals your pain:

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In thee, O Lord, I put my trust:

672 Septuagesima (The Third Sunday before Lent)

Introit The sorrows of death came about me; the pains of hell gat hold upon me: and in my tribulation I made my prayer unto the Lord, and he regarded my supplication out of his holy temple. **Psalm** I will love thee, O Lord, my strength: The Lord is my stony rock, my fortress, and my Saviour. Glory be...

Gradual The Lord will be a refuge in the time of trouble; and they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee. *V.* For the poor shall not always be forgotten; the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever: up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand.

Tract Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. *V.* O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

V. If thou, Lord, will be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? *V.* For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.

Offertory It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord: and to sing praises unto thy Name, O Most Highest.

Communion Show thy servant the light of thy countenance, and save me for thy mercy's sake. Let me not be confounded, O Lord, for I have called upon thee.

Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

The old Testament Reading - Jeremiah Ch17 v5-10

⁵ This is what the Lord says:
'Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
 who draws strength from mere flesh
 and whose heart turns away from the Lord.
⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
 they will not see prosperity when it comes.
They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
 in a salt land where no one lives.
⁷ 'But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,
 whose confidence is in him.
⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water
 that sends out its roots by the stream.
It does not fear when heat comes;
 its leaves are always green.
It has no worries in a year of drought
 and never fails to bear fruit.'
⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things
 and beyond cure.
 Who can understand it?
¹⁰ 'I the Lord search the heart
 and examine the mind,
to reward each person according to their conduct,
 according to what their deeds deserve.'

Responsorial Psalm 1:

'For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous'

The New Testament Reading - 1 Corinthians 15 v12-20

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from

the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel - Luke Ch6 v17-26

¹⁷ He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. ²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,
that those who come to him should never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

