Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 137: Crown Him with many crowns

Future Sunday Services St Lazarus Pissouri

22 May 6pm Holy Communion (Trinity Sunday)

12 June 6pm Holy Communion

26 June 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas Limassol

BIBLE

15 May 10am Holy Eucharist

22 May 10am Holy Eucharist (Trinity Sunday)

29 May 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

Group will meet at the home of Stanley and Sue, to continue the study of the various covenants mentioned in the bible. For further details please contact Denise denise.weaver@wisenexus.com

Thank you to all who helped at the Bumper Table Top Sale at St Barnabas. The preliminary total raised is about €2,200. Well done everyone!

Church Learning Group Next module is Pastoral Practice, in church hall, at 6.30pm starting tomorrow Monday May 9th, and thereafter on 16th, 23rd, 30th May, June 6th, 13th, 20th, July 4th, 11th. ALL welcome. Info on module and text book from Derek.

Saturday 21 May 2.30pm Visitation service at Nicosia. We are asked to find people to carry the cake in the service, someone to offer a prayer, any other contribution. Offers of these tasks to Derek please.

Please pray for all victims of natural disasters.

'Barnabas' the musical rehearsal dates – please refer to the St Lazarus website http://stlazaruspissouri.org

The Extraordinary General Meeting for St Barnabas/St Lazarus will be after the Eucharist on Sunday 5th June.

ISAIAH 58

All donations of dry food, toiletries and money are gratefully received and can be brought on the 4th Sunday of the month to the room below Pissouri Amphitheatre between 5.30 and 6 pm.



Pissouri amphitheatre

Our services are held here in the room under the amphitheatre on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month. Please join us for refreshments afterwards.

Welcome to St Lazarus' Anglican Church Pissouri

Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf

Website: http://stlazaruspissouri.org



Sunday 8th May 2016 The Seventh Sunday of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension 6pm Holy Communion

President: Reverend Canon Derek Smith

Those who receive Communion in their home Church are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, or please ask for a blessing.

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Clergy days off – Derek on Fridays and Chris on Tuesdays

<u>Duties for today</u> <u>Sides Person:</u> Denise "Organist": Felita

Readings: Michael – Acts 16: 16-34

+ Psalm 97

Andrea - Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-end

Gospel – John 17: 20-end

Server: Denise

<u>Duties for 22 May – Trinity Sunday</u>

Sides Person: Ann "Organist": Drew

Readings: Stanley – Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

+ Psalm 63: 1-9

Ann – 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Gospel - Luke 13: 1-9

Server: Linda
UK Visitors

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Hymn 54: At the name of Jesus

Gloria 967: Glory to God

Collect for today

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading - Acts 16 vv. 16-34

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise."

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Psalm 97

- 1. The Lord reigns let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
- 2. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

- 3. Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side
- 4. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
- 5. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7. All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols worship him, all you gods!
- 8. Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, Lord.
- 9. For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10. Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11. Light shines on the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.
- 12. Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Second Reading - Revelation 22 vv. 12-14, 16-17, 20-end

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon

"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

Hymn 120: Come let us join

Gospel - John 17 vv. 20-end

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.