

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?

'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,' they replied, 'and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes"?'

'Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Offertory Hymn 184: For the beauty of the Earth

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 32: And can it be


Future Services St Lazarus, Pissouri


22 October 6pm Holy Communion
12 November 6pm Holy Communion
26 November 6pm Holy Communion


St Barnabas, Limassol

15 October 10am Holy Eucharist
22 October 10am Holy Eucharist
29 October 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

 **Wednesday 11 October** 1430 at Linda's home. The Bible Study Group will continue with the third of nine sessions learning about spiritual disciplines. Everyone is welcome. Contact Denise on 97745286 or Linda on 99165142 for more details.

 **Monday 9 October** and then every Monday from 1400-1600 in St Barnabas Church Hall – Pilgrim Bible Study – a course to help us look deeper into our Christian faith. Information and to book your place speak to Chris Goldsmith.

 **Monday 16 October** Canon Pat Mossop and Helen leave us and the Ven. Malcolm Squires and Buzz arrive for locum until December.

 **Pilgrimage** St. Andrew's Anglican Church invites our members to join them in a 9 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 4th to 12th November 2017 visiting all the Holy Sites with an option on Petra. For details about itinerary and booking please contact Rev Christine Goldsmith.

Lord increase
My zest for living
My vision of glory
My hearing of your call
My grasp on reality
My response to your love
My sensitivity to others
My gentleness to creation
My taste for wonder
My love for you.

David Adam



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>

BUT ONE THING I DO:

forgetting what lies behind & straining forward to what lies ahead

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sunday 8th October 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

6pm Holy Communion

President: Rev. Canon Pat Mossop

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 – Pat on Monday, Chris on Friday

Duties for today

Sides : Stanley

"Organist": Felita

Readings: Carole – Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
+ Psalm 19
John L – Philippians 3: 4b-14
Gospel – Matthew 21: 33-end

Server: Stanley

Duties for 22 October 19th Sunday after Trinity

Sides : Denise

"Organist": Felita

Readings: Beryl – Exodus 33: 12-end
+ Psalm 99
Stanley – 1Thessalonians 1: 1-10
Gospel – Matthew 22: 15-22

Server: Denise

UK Visitors

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Hymn 97: Christ is made the sure foundation

Gloria 968: to the tune 'The Ash Grove'

Collect for today

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at the last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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. Amen.

First Reading – Exodus 20 vv. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not let God speak to us or we will die.'

Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.'

Psalm 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

3. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

4. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6. It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11. By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

13. Keep your servant also from wilful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

14. May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

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 – Philippians 3 vv. 4b-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

Hymn 13: All for Jesus!

Gospel – Matthew 21 vv. 33-end

Jesus said, 'Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said.

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance." So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.