

Hymn 172: Fill your hearts with joy and gladness

Collect for today

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 – 2 Samuel 6 vv. 1 – 5 & 12b – 19

David again brought together all the able young men of Israel – thirty thousand. He and all his men went to Baalah in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the name of the Lord Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark. They set the ark of God on a new cart and brought it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart with the ark of God on it, and Ahio was walking in front of it. David and all Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, tambourines, rattles and cymbals.

So David went to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing. When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might, while he and all Israel were bringing up the ark of the Lord with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

As the ark of the Lord was entering the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul watched from a window. And when she saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, she despised him in her heart.

They brought the ark of the Lord and set it in its place inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before the Lord. After he had finished sacrificing the burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord Almighty. Then he gave a loaf of bread, a cake of dates and a cake of raisins to each person in the whole crowd of Israelites, both men and women. And all the people went to their homes.

Psalm 24

1. The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

2. for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

3. Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

4. The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

5. They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Saviour.

6. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

7. Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

8. Who is this King of glory? The lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

9. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

10. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty – he is the King of glory.

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 – Ephesians 1 vv. 3 – 14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

Hymn 355: Jesus, Name above all names

Gospel – Mark 6 vv. 14 – 29

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, 'John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.'

Others said, 'He is Elijah.'

And still others claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.'

But when Herod heard this, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!'

For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared

John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, 'Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.' And he promised her with an oath, 'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask for?' 'The head of John the Baptist,' she answered.

At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: 'I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a dish.'

The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a dish. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Offertory Hymn 718: We love the place, O God

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 221: God is working his purpose out

St Lazarus Pissouri

26 July 6pm Holy Communion
9 August 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas Limassol

19 July 10am Family Eucharist and Baptism
26 July 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

13 July 6.30pm Church Learning Group in the Church Hall at St Barnabas – Chapter 8.

19 July 3 course lunch at The White House on the Dam to say thank you to Pam for her long service as St Barnabas churchwarden. Bring your own drinks - €15 p.p. To book – Tracey ☎97643165 or e-mail dyertracey@gmail.com

25 July 10am – 3.30pm at St George's Troodos - Retreat & Breathe led by Maggie Le-Roy. Bring your own lunch, drinks will be provided. Please book by 22 July. ☎ 99155092 or e-mail retreats@spidernet.com.cy

26 July after the service at St Lazarus there will be a presentation of the SOMA mission to Uganda by Derek and Sue.

2 August 4pm service at St George's Troodos, preceeded by a picnic at 2pm.

3 August 10am – anyone in London is most welcome at the Annual Reunion of Friends of the Diocese for a service at All Hallows-by-the-Tower.

Clergy days off – please note that Derek's day off is Friday and Chris's is Tuesday.



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.

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1 Father

1 Son

+ 1 Holy Spirit

= 1 GOD

Sunday 12th July 2015

The sixth Sunday of Trinity

6 pm 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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Duties for today

Sides Person: Stanley

"Organist": Sue

Reader: Denise – 2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19
+ Psalm 24

Reader: Linda – Ephesians 1: 3-14

Server: Linda

Duties for 26 July

Sides Person: Sue

"Organist": Felita

Reader: Michael – 2 Samuel 11: 1-15
+ Psalm 14

Reader: Andrea – Ephesians 3: 14-end

Server: Denise

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