

Hymn 503: O Jesus, I have promised

Collect for today

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love; grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 – Isaiah 50 vv. 4 – 9a

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.

The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away.

I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me!

It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me?

Psalm 116 vv. 1 – 9

1. I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

2. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

3. The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

4. Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'Lord, save me!'

5. The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

6. The Lord protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

7. Return to your rest, my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

8. For you, Lord, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

9. that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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 – James 3 vv. 1 – 12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig-tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Hymn 420: Lord, thy word abideth

Gospel – Mark 8 vv. 27 – 38

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, 'Who do people say I am?'

They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah.'

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny

themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

Offertory Hymn 625: Take my life, and let it be

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 409: Lord for the years

Future Sunday Services

27 September 6pm Holy Communion
11 October 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas Limassol

20 September 10am Holy Eucharist
27 September 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

Wednesday 16 September 11am St Lazarus Committee meets.

Friday 18 September 6.30 for 7pm BBQ and Quiz at St Barnabas

Saturday 19 September 10am – 3pm Worship Workshop at St Helena's Larnaca.

Monday 21 September 6.30pm Church Learning Group begins a module on "Theology of the Gospel of Mark" in the Church Hall. Please ask Derek for further information.



Wednesday 23 September 2.30pm St Lazarus Bible Study Group will be studying Acts Chapter 24 at Stanley and Sue's house. If you would like to know more about the Bible Study group or get directions to Stanley and Sue please contact Denise Weaver ☎97745286 or Linda Rowell ☎97165142 for further details.

30th October – 1st November Centenary weekend at St Barnabas.

Saturday 28th November Forward planning for your diaries – St Barnabas Christmas Bazaar!



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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Sunday 13th September 2015

The fifteenth 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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Clergy days off – Derek on Fridays and Chris on Tuesdays

Duties for today

Sides Person: Stanley

"Organist": Linda

Reader: Felita – Isaiah 50: 4-9a
+ Psalm 116: 1-9

Reader: John – James 3: 1-12

Server: Stanley

Duties for 27th September

Sides Person: Sue

"Organist": Felita

Reader: Linda – Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29
+ Psalm 124

Reader: Denise – James 5: 13-end

Server: Linda

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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.