

## Hymn 606: Soldiers of Christ arise

### Collect for today

**Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 – Joshua 24 vv. 1-2a & 14-18

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Joshua said to all the people, 'This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: "Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River Euphrates and worshipped other gods.

'Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled. And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.'

### Psalm 34 vv. 15 – 22

15. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

**16. but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.**

17. The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

**18. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

19. The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;

**20. he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.**

21. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

**22. The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

**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 6 vv. 10 - 20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

### **Hymn 658: There is a Redeemer**

### Gospel – John 6 vv. 56 - 69

'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.' He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I

have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.’

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

‘You do not want to leave too, do you?’ Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.’

### Offertory Hymn 411: Lord Jesus Christ

#### Post Communion Prayer

**God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### Hymn 617: Stand up, stand up for Jesus

#### Future Sunday Services

13 September 6pm Holy Communion

27 September 6pm Holy Communion

#### St Barnabas Limassol

30 August 10am Holy Eucharist

6 September 10am Holy Eucharist

#### Notices

**Wednesday 9am** Holy Communion continue at St. Barnabas throughout August thanks to Tony Jeynes.

**Wednesday 16 September** 11am St Lazarus Committee meets.

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

**Monday 21 September** 6.30pm Church Learning Group begins a module on St Mark’s Gospel in the Church Hall.



Pissouri amphitheatre

**Our services are held here in the room under the amphitheatre on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23rd August 2015**

**The twelfth Sunday of Trinity**

**6 pm Holy Communion**

**President: Reverend Tony Jeynes**

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:** Ann

**“Organist”:** Sue

**Reader:** Stanley – Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18  
+ Psalm 34: 15-end

**Reader:** Ann – Ephesians 6: 10-20

**Server:** Stanley

#### Duties for 13<sup>th</sup> September

**Sides Person:** Stanley

**“Organist”:** Linda

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

**Reader:** John – James 3: 1-12

**Server:** Stanley

#### ISAIAH 58

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