

Hymn 241: Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

Collect for today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading – Genesis 7 vv. 1-5, 11-18, & 8 vv. 6-18, & 9 vv. 8-13

The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and one pair of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven pairs of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights.

On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark. They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings. Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah. Then the Lord shut him in. For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water.

After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. He waited seven more days and sent the dove out again, but this time it did not return to him.

By the first day of the first month of Noah's six hundred and first year, the water had dried up from the earth. Noah then removed the covering from the ark and saw that the surface of the ground was dry. By the twenty-seventh day of the second month the earth was completely dry.

Then God said to Noah, "Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it." So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and

his sons' wives.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Psalm 23

1. The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3. he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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 – Acts 4 vv. 5-12

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is "'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Hymn 654: The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want

Gospel – John 10 vv. 11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I

lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

Offertory Hymn 156: Faithful Shepherd, feed me

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn 305: I danced in the morning

Future Sunday Services

St Lazarus Pissouri

10 May 6pm Holy Communion

24 May 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas Limassol

3 May 10am Holy Eucharist

10 May 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

The Church Learning Group studying Christian Ethics Chapters 2 & 3, **27 April** 6.30pm in the Church Hall at St Barnabas. Details from Derek.

Anyone who would like the opportunity of spiritual direction 3 or 4 times a year with someone from off the island can book a first appointment on **29th, 30th April, 1st May** through paulmayburyincyprus@gmail.com These appointments are confidential and are a wonderful opportunity to build on the Lent course, Soul Spark, and A Retreat in Daily Life, though not a prerequisite.

Further details from Derek or directly from Paul Maybury

1 May – don't forget this is a public holiday



St Barnabas Bumper Table Top Sale 2 May. If you can offer help please contact Pam (25633052). Items needed for Tombola and Bottle stalls, books, good bric-a-brac, quality clothing, cakes & home produce, bags and jewellery.



Bible Study Group 6 May at 2.30pm studying Acts 18 – at Stanley and Sue's house. Please contact Denise Weaver ☎97745286 or Linda Rowell ☎97165142 for further details.

14 May 8am Ascension Day service at Stanley and Sue's home followed by breakfast



Please pray for Solomon from Thika Diocese, joining our team as well as Chris, Nora, Sue, Derek, Paul & Sarah. Bishop Julius & Mama Esther send greetings. We have assured them of our prayers following the massacre at Garissa University.



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 26th April 2015

The 4th Sunday of Easter

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”: Felita

Reader: Linda – Genesis 7: 1-5, 11-18, & 8: 6-18, & 9: 8-13
+ Psalm 23

Reader: Beryl – Acts 4: 5-12

Server: Linda

Duties for 10 May

Sides Person: Denise

“Organist”: Felita

Reader: Michael – Isaiah 55: 1-11
+ Psalm 98

Reader: Andrea – Acts 10: 44-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.