

Hymn 252: Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Collect for today

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 11 vv. 1 – 15

In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman washing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, 'She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, 'I am pregnant.'

So David sent this word to Joab: 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent him to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house and wash your feet.' So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

David was told, 'Uriah did not go home.' So he asked Uriah, 'Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?'

Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!'

Then David said to him, 'Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In it he wrote, 'Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so that he will be struck down and die.'

Psalm 14

1. The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

2. The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

3. All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

4. Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the Lord.

5. But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.

6. You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

7. Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

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 3 vv. 14 – 21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Hymn 388: Let us praise God together

Gospel – John 6 vv. 1 – 21

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king

by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, 'It is I; don't be afraid.' Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Offertory Hymn 13: All for Jesus

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen

Hymn 153: Eternal Father, strong to save

Future Sunday Services


9 August 6pm Holy Communion
23 August 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas Limassol

2 August 10am Holy Eucharist
9 August 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

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.

 **11 August 2pm** picnic followed by **4pm** service at St George's Troodos

Mazi Mas is now available.

A History of the Diocese is being compiled, 1976 onwards. Anyone with memories and knowledge to share, please ask for contact details via Derek.

St Barnabas Centenary Year – Centenary Souvenirs including a church history entitled "The First Hundred Years" will be available while Pam is away and you may still sponsor a Bible or buy a T-shirt, key ring or fridge magnet. Perhaps you could look out your old mementoes – a Baptism certificate or an old programme of an event and photographs for the display and if you are preparing an exhibit, start work on it? October is approaching!

Clergy days off – Derek on Fridays and Chris on Tuesdays



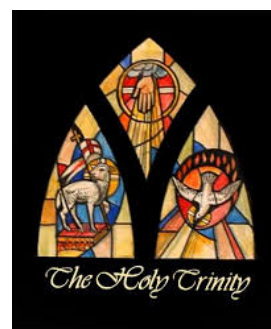
Pissouri amphitheatre

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 July

The eighth 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: Sue

"Organist": Felita

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

Reader: Andrea – Ephesians 3: 14-21

Server: Denise

Duties for 9 August

Sides Person: Denise

"Organist": Sue

Reader: Stanley – 1 Kings 19: 4-8
+ Psalm 34: 1-8

Reader: Beryl – Ephesians 4: 26 – 5: 2

Server: Stanley

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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.