

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Hymn 582: Restore o Lord

Future Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

11th February 6pm Holy Communion

25th February 6pm Holy Communion

11th March 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

4th February 10am Holy Communion

11th February 10am Holy Eucharist

18th February 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

Lent Course begins Monday 19 February in the church hall at St Barnabas. All welcome.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES **Bible study group.** A longer break than usual, as we will not be reconvening till March. For details contact Denise on 97745286 or email denise.weaver@wisenexus.com.

A Sonnet for Candlemas by Malcolm Guite

They came, as called, according to the Law.
Though they were poor and had to keep things
simple,
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,
For God was coming with them to His temple.

Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle
They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,
Had made a killing on the two young doves.

They come at last with us to Candlemas
And keep the day the prophecies came true
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.

For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,
Against the dark, our Saviour's face is bright.



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.

Welcome to St Lazarus' Anglican Church

Pissouri

Part of the Limassol Chaplaincy in the Diocese
of Cyprus & the Gulf

Website: <http://stlazaruspissouri.org>



28th January 2018

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

6pm Holy Communion

President: Rev. Rod Price

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 –Chris on Friday		

Duties for today 28th January

Sides	Ann	
'Organist'	Sue	
Readings	Linda	Malachi 3:1-5
		+ Psalm 24:1-6
	Ann	Hebrews 2: 14-end
	Gospel	Luke 2:22-40
Server	Linda	

Duties for 11th February

Sides	Denise	
'Organist'	Sue	
Readings	Michael	2 Kings 2:1-12
		+ Psalm 50:1-6
	Andrea	2 Corinthians 4:3-6
	Gospel	Mark 9:2-9
Server	Stanley	

UK Visitors. If you would like to Gift Aid your offertory,
please ask for a blue envelope.

Hymn 428: Love divine

Gloria – 967: to the tune of ‘In an English Country Garden’

Collect for today

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 – Malachi 3:1-5

1 “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty. 2 But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, 4 and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. 5 “So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

Psalm 24: 1-6

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.

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 – Hebrews 2: 14-end

14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—

that is, the devil— 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. 16 For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. 17 For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hymn 8: Alleluia alleluia give thanks

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40

22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.” 33 The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” 36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. 38 Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Offertory Hymn 375: King of Glory, King of peace