

Hymn 382: Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing

Gloria 967: Glory to God

Collect for today

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 – Jeremiah 2 vv. 4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob, all you clans of Israel. This is what the Lord says: 'What fault did your ancestors find in me, that they strayed so far from me? They followed worthless idols and became worthless themselves.

They did not ask, "Where is the Lord, who brought us up out of Egypt and led us through the barren wilderness, through a land of deserts and ravines, a land of drought and utter darkness, a land where no one travels and no one lives?"

I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you came and defiled my land and made my inheritance detestable.

The priests did not ask, "Where is the Lord?"

Those who deal with the law did not know me; the leaders rebelled against me. The prophets prophesied by Baal, following worthless idols.

'Therefore I bring charges against you again,' declares the Lord. 'And I will bring charges against your children's children.

Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and observe closely; see if there has ever been anything like this: has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their glorious God for worthless idols.

Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder with great horror,' declares the Lord.

'My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.'

Psalm 81 vv. 1, 10-16

1. Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

10. I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

11. 'But my people would not listen to me; Israel would not submit to me.

12. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts to follow their own devices.

13. 'If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways,

14. how quickly I would subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes!

15. Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.

16. But you would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.'

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 13 vv. 1-8, 15-16

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'

So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?'

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Hymn 489: O God beyond all praising

Gospel – Luke 14 vv. 1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable:

'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, "Give this person your seat." Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Offertory Hymn 184: For the beauty of the earth

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 477: O Christ the same through all our story's pages

Future Sunday Services St Lazarus, Pissouri

4 September 4pm Holy Communion (please note time)
11 September no service
25 September 6pm Holy Communion

St Barnabas, Limassol

4 September 10am Family Eucharist
11 September 10am Holy Eucharist
18 September 10am Holy Eucharist

Notices

Saturday 3 September 9am St Barnabas Table Top Sale

Sunday 2 October Harvest Festival at St Barnabas followed by a shared lunch.

Monday 3 October Church Learning Group will resume.

Friday 18 November Barnabas the Musical will be performed in Limassol. It is not too late to join the choir. Rehearsals –

Saturday 1 October – sopranos & altos 3-5pm, tenors and basses 5-7pm

Tuesday 4 October – full choir

Roger Jones leads a full rehearsal in November

Please pray for the full recovery of Paul Mulkern who underwent heart surgery on Friday, and also for Ann and their family.

ISAIAH 58

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



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 28th August 2016

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

6pm Holy Communion

President: Rev. Christine Goldsmith

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: John

"Organist": Felita

Readings: John – Jeremiah 2: 4-13

+ Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

Stanley – Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel – Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Server: Stanley

Duties for 4th September (4pm) 15th Sunday after Trinity

Sides Person: Stanley

"Organist": Linda

Readings: Michael – Jeremiah 18: 1-11

+ Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18

Andrea – Philemon 1-21

Gospel – Luke 14: 25-33

Server: Stanley

UK Visitors

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