PRIEST: Blessing

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh. Glory, thanks and praise to God. Amen.

CAROL: 10 Hark! the herald-angels sing

Please stay for refreshments after the service.



St Lazarus' Anglican Church Serving English speaking people in the Pissouri area of Limassol District in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

Forthcoming services at St Lazarus, Pissouri

We meet for worship on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the winter months, and also the 4th Sunday during the summer months at 6 pm, in the room under the amphitheatre.

24th December 2021, 6pm Christmas Eve, Holy Communion 9th January 2022, 6pm Holy Communion 13th February 2022, 6pm Holy Communion

<u>Forthcoming services at St Barnabas, Limassol</u> Every Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 am

19th December, 10am Holy Eucharist 24th December, 11pm Midnight Holy Eucharist 25th Christmas Day, 10am Family Communion 26th December, 10am Holy Eucharist

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A VERY HAPPY AND CHRIST-FILLED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!

St Lazarus' Church, Pissouri welcomes you to our



12th December 2021, 6pm



This Christmas, Lord, come to the manger of our hearts. Fill us with Your presence from the very start. As we prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given, We thank You for the gift of Jesus....sent from Heaven.

Please have your EU Digital SafePass with a QR code available for scanning, wear a mask throughout the service and observe the social distancing guidelines. CAROL: 19 Once in Royal David's City

PRIEST: Welcome, Introduction & Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you came to our world, and it did not know you; you came to your own people, and they would not accept you; you came to an inn, but there was no space for you. Help us to make room for you this Christmastide, to welcome you gladly at the heart of our celebrations and to recognise you as God's gift, the Messia**h. Amen.**

READING 1: Malachi 3: 1-5 'The Prophecy of the Messiah's Birth'

- CAROL: 20 On Christmas night all Christians sing
- READING 2: Isaiah 9: 1-7 'A great light'
- CAROL: 11 Joy to the world

READING 3: Luke 2: 1-7 'The Birth of Jesus'

CAROL: 1 O little town of Bethlehem

READING 4: Luke 2: 8-20 'The Shepherds go to the Manger'

CAROL: 7 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

READING 5: John 1: 1-14 'The Word became flesh'

- **CAROL: 13** Silent night, holy night
- **PRIEST:** The Address

NOTICES:

PRAYERS: Let us pray:

As we think of a simple stable attached to a first-century inn, we pray for all who are vulnerable. Protect with your love, O God, those who have no home and all who live with disadvantage and poverty. We pray for those who work with the homeless and for all refugees and asylum seekers and for those who assist them.

Lord of life, we come to you. Lord of all, our Saviour be, come to bless and to heal with the light of your love.

At this season, the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth'. Strengthen, O Lord, those who work for peace and justice. We pray for harmony where there is war and for love where there is hate.

Through the days of doubt and toil, in our joy and in our pain, guide our steps in your way, make us one in your love.

At this time, the shepherds heard the news of the birth of Jesus. Help us to take our place in God's great story, to do good, to challenge evil, to share all we have been given and to use aright both our talents and the time given to us.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. Amen.

CAROL: 12 O come all ye faithful

During the singing of this Carol, the collection will be taken. Please remain standing at the end of the Carol as the Blessing will be given: