

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KYRENIA



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Sunday 19th April – Easter 2



With us all being in lockdown and with no church services we can stay together by sharing what would be our church service each Sunday, with the Collect, Psalm and Readings and also of course a Prayer List.

Please pray for the following throughout the coming week

Ian and Linda Smith, Mike Lukey, Win Smith, Sandi Richardson, Frances Allen, Dave Sturgess, Olivia Hodgkinson, Rosemary Dixon, Jeanette and David Burton, baby Louie Syddall, June Llewellyn, Suzee Moore, Padmesh Gartaula, Stan Keevil, David and Sue Walker, Barbara Symons, along with those mentioned in our remembrance book. We pray also for strength and grace for those who carry the burden of care.

We remember our student congregation and those who live alone who may be finding it particularly difficult presently.

We remember those who have departed and those who mourn their loss.

Please contact the Wardens to include persons to be remembered in our prayers

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Collect:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **AMEN**

Post Communion:

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (NRSV)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Psalm 16 (Common Worship)

1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; **I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'**
2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, **upon those who are noble in heart.**
3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, **their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.**
4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; **in your hands alone is my fortune.**
5 My share has fallen in a fair land; **indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, **and in the night watches he instructs my heart.**
7 I have set the Lord always before me; **he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.**
8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; **my flesh also shall rest secure.**
9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, **nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**
10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy **and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; **as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.**
Amen

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9 (NRSV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry,

Gospel Reading: John 20: 19-31 (NRSV)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

NOTICES

Thursday morning Praise e-Service

As it seems likely that we will be unable to hold services at St Andrew's for the foreseeable future, **Thursday Morning Praise** is going to continue as an e-service. Steve Bishop has kindly prepared Morning Praise e-Services and that means regular attendees at that service will be emailed a full service text including Scripture readings, a (short) talk and prayer suggestions.

If you do not regularly attend the Thursday service but would like to partake please send an email to Steve at stevebrcs@yahoo.co.uk so that he can include you.