

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KYRENIA



The Anglican Diocese of  
**Cyprus and the Gulf**  
in the Episcopal Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East

## MORNING PRAISE FOR LENT

Starting **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021** and throughout Lent.

A contemporary Morning Prayer service around the theme of Unity in Christ.

Originally intended to include an interactive discussion-style talk as part of the midweek service at St Andrews, due to the ongoing TRNC pandemic restrictions it will have to take the form of an E-service only.

If you do not already receive the weekly St Andrews Morning Praise E-Service by email and wish to do so, please email [stavebrcs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stavebrcs@yahoo.co.uk)

*"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 15:5*

**Due to Government restrictions the church is closed until further notice. When church services are able to recommence we will announce this on the St. Andrew's Church website.**

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Lent 2**



**Please pray for the following throughout the coming week**

**"The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well therefore pray for each other so that you may be healed" James 5:15**

**Brian Hopkins, Sandy Oram, Barbara Symons (and Roy), Tony Coleman, Judith Allcock, Reverend Dr. Andrew Tatham's daughter Alice, Jenny Hayward, Ian Smith (and Linda), Padmesh Gartaula, Stan Keevil (and Anne),** 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 those who have departed and those who mourn their loss.

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

### **Collect:**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

### **First Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 (NRSV)**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

### **Psalms 22: 23-31 (Common Worship)**

23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; **O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.**

24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; **but when they cried to him he heard them.**

25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; **I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.**

26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; **those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, **and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**

28 For the kingdom is the Lord's **and he rules over the nations.**

29 How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, **or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?**

30 He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; **this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

31 They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, **declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.**

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: Romans 4: 13-25 (NRSV)**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 31-38 (NRSV)**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### **Post Communion:**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**