

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KYRENIA



The Anglican Diocese of
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Easter 3

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.



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

Linda Lister, Jean Reynolds, Heather Cowan (and Bruce), Barbara Symons (and Roy), Tony Coleman, Reverend Dr. Andrew Tatham's daughter Alice, Jenny Hayward, Ian Smith (and Linda), Padmesh Gartaula, 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

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Collect:

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

First Reading: Acts 3: 12-19 (NRSV)

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Psalm 4 (Common Worship)

1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; **you set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

2 How long will you nobles dishonour my glory; **how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?**

3 But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness; **when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

4 Stand in awe, and sin not; **commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.**

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness **and put your trust in the Lord.**

6 There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?' **Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, **more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.**

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep, **for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.**

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 John 3: 1-7 (NRSV)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel Reading: Luke 24: 36b-48 (NRSV)

Jesus himself stood among the eleven and their companions and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion:

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **AMEN**