

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, KYRENIA



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

Sunday 9th January
Baptism of Christ, First Sunday after The Epiphany

Due to a Covid outbreak the church is currently closed. 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

Frank and Lee Creighton, Alan Boutle, Werner Fayers, Nicky Montgomery, Hilary and Tony Kyte, Duncan Hadfield, Barbara McEwen, Kathleen Richmond, Digby Jones, Sandi Richardson, Alan Poulter, Cora Tyson, Paul (and Pam), John Burke, Dave Sturgess, Barbara Symons (and Roy), Alice Flamson, Jenny Hayward, 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:

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **AMEN**

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalms 29 (Common Worship)

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, **ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; **worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; **the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; **the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; **the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf **and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; **the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; **in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; **the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; **the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

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: Acts 8: 14-17 (NRSV)

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Post Communion:

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**