

St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca

Season of Creation – Week 3

19th September, 2021



This is the third week of the Season of Creation. This week's theme of creation is desolation. The next weeks' themes are:

26th September: Restoration

3rd October: Harvest

Hymns: 662 Think of a world without any flowers; 54 Beauty for brokenness; 401 Longing for light; 59 Be still and know that I am God (sung twice); 238 Great is thy faithfulness

Today's Readings: Creation Season – Desolation –
Isaiah 5: 1 – 10; Revelation 6: 12 – 17; Matthew 24: 15 - 28

Next Sunday's Readings: Creation Season – Restoration –
Job 42: 10 - 17; Psalm 126; Romans 8: 18 - 22; John 6: 1 – 13

For prayer:

Those on our prayer list at the front of church.

Pray for St Paul's and St Christopher's Cathedrals, their deans, Jeremy and Bill, their canons, and their people.

Pray for the Retreats' Ministry which has its office in Nicosia run by the Retreats' Facilitator, Maggie Le Roy. The main ministry being that of the Katafiyio Retreat at Angel's Hills and the running of group and individually guided retreats in the Diocese and Province, and the giving of spiritual direction.

If you have somebody that you would like us to pray for, please add them to the prayer list and mention them to a Warden. If you would like a clergy visit, please see one of clergy or a Warden.

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Notices:

If you would like to help Liz with the **Harvest flowers** for 3rd October, please speak to her.

The next **Book Sale** will be held on Wednesday, 29th September. Helpers are especially welcome!

Psalm 102 - Please join in with the verses in **bold**.

1 Hear my prayer, Lord; let my cry for help come to you.

2 Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.

3 For my days vanish like smoke; my bones burn like glowing embers.

4 My heart is blighted and withered like grass; I forget to eat my food.

5 In my distress I groan aloud and am reduced to skin and bones.

6 I am like a desert owl, like an owl among the ruins.

7 I lie awake; I have become like a bird alone on a roof.

8 All day long my enemies taunt me; those who rail against me use my name as a curse.

9 For I eat ashes as my food and mingle my drink with tears

10 because of your great wrath, for you have taken me up and thrown me aside.

11 My days are like the evening shadow; I wither away like grass.

12 But you, Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations.

13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favour to her; the appointed time has come.

14 For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity.

15 The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory.

16 For the Lord will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory.

17 He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.

18 Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord:

19 "The Lord looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth,

20 to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death."

21 So the name of the Lord will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem

22 when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the Lord.

23 In the course of my life he broke my strength; he cut short my days.

24 So I said: "Do not take me away, my God, in the midst of my days; your years go on through all generations.

25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

26 They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.

27 But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

28 The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen