

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-end - Please join in with the verses in **bold**

1 May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

² May you blow them away like smoke - as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.

³ But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.

⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

⁶ God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

⁷ When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

¹⁰ Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, God, you provided for the poor.

32 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,

³³ to him who rides across the highest heavens, the ancient heavens, who thunders with mighty voice.

³⁴ Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is in the heavens.

³⁵ You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God! 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

For prayer –

Pray for Archdeacon Christopher's ministry, for the parishes of Cyprus and for justice and peace across the island.

Pray for St Andrew, Abu Dhabi - a compound based in Abu Dhabi with a mission Church in Al Ain, called St Thomas. They have been there since 1968. They seek to provide Christians of all traditions and denominations with a welcoming, safe and legal environment to worship.

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

If you would like a visit by one of the clergy, please see a member of the clergy.

Notices:

- Christopher is presiding and preaching in St John's, Deryneia and chairing their ACM.
- There are many gaps on the roster. Please sign up for readings, intercessions, refreshments and music.
- Please check that all mobile phones are off, or on silent, during the service.
- There will be a retiring collection. The basket is at the back of church.

Other dates for your diary:

- Georgia Katsantonis, the Bishop's PA, is being made an Ecumenical Canon at St Paul's on Tuesday, 23rd May at 5.30pm. All are welcome to help her celebrate the many years of faithful service she has given this Diocese.

Who's who:

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Wardens – Vacant

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St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca

21st May 2023

Today's readings – Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11

Next week's readings – Pentecost: Acts 2: 1-21; Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b – 13; John 20: 19-23

Hymns: 48 At the name of Jesus; 234 Grant us the courage, gracious God; 205 God is working his purpose out; 186 Give thanks; 550 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Collect:

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion:

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**