

**Psalm 90: 1-8, 12** - Please join in with the verses in **bold**

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night.**
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**
- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**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** those currently in formation and training for ordained ministry as deacons and priests.

**Pray for** St George's Church, Baghdad which re-opened in 2003 to receive Iraqi people from different Christian denominations. It has now become a compound with a clinic opened in 2007, kindergarten opened in 2011, Mother's Union branch and a big hall for festivals and meetings. With the construction process finished, the Redeemer School is running very well.

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.

**Today's readings – Second Sunday before Advent:** Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30

**Next week's readings – Christ the King:** Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95: 1-7; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Mtthew 25: 31-end

## Notices:

- 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.
- Jan has volunteered to co-ordinate shoeboxes for Mission to Seafarers this Christmas. Please donate boxes, toiletries, confectionary, pens and notepaper. There are baskets at the back of church for your donations.

## Who's who:

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## St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca

19th November 2023

**Hymns:** 306 Immortal, invisible, God only wise; 63 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; 152 Fight the good fight with all thy might; 356 Jesus stand among us; 605 Take my life, and let it be

### Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**