

*St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca*

**22nd December 2024**

**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.
- Fr Geoff Graham is leading the service today.

**Who's who:**

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**Dates for your diary:**

24<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm – Christmas Night Eucharist

25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day Eucharist led by +Sean

**Hymns:** 620 The angel Gabriel from heaven came; 125 Crown him with many crowns; 565 Rejoice, the Lord is King; 469 O come, O come, Emanuel; 612 Tell out, my soul

**This week's readings** – Micah 5: 2-5a; Hebrews 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45

**Next week's readings – First Sunday of Christmas: 1**  
Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-end

**Collect**

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Canticle: Magnificat** - please join in with the verses in **bold**

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.**

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

**4 He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.

**6 He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.**

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy,

**8 The promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.**

*Luke 1.46-55*

**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** “the peace of Jerusalem”; for an end to the war in Gaza; for the return of hostages and release of those in administrative detention; for justice, political solutions, peace and wellbeing for all.

**Pray for** the Church of the Province of Uganda

**Pray in** thanksgiving for faithful clergy and others ministering Word and Sacraments in all parts of the diocese.

**Pray for** St Andrew’s, Kyrenia

### **Post Communion**

Heavenly Father,

who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary

to be the mother of the promised saviour:

fill us your servants with your grace,

that in all things we may embrace your holy will

and with her rejoice in your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**