

St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca
29th December 2023

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.
- The memorial service for Mary Trickett will be held on Saturday, 4th January, 2025 at 12 noon.

Who's who:

Associate Priests - Fr Geoff Graham, phone: 99178068, email: geoffgraham1982@gmail.com; Fr Ken Gabbadon, phone: 99768966, email: kgabba7036@aol.com

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Hymns: 102 Come down, O Love divine; 36 Angel voices ever singing; 743 Ye holy angels bright; 171 Forth in the peace of Christ we go; 550 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

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

Next week's readings – Epiphany: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 10-15; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 148 - please join in with the verses in **bold**

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you his angels; praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you stars of light.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

6 He made them fast for ever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and mist, tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and birds on the wing;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and women, old and young together; let them praise the name of the Lord.

13 For his name only is exalted, his splendour above earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

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 Episcopal Church of the United States.

Pray for the nations of the Gulf Archdeaconry, and for all who live in them, both citizens and others.

Pray for St George’s, Baghdad, Iraq including St George’s School.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,

whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth

the life of an earthly home:

help your Church to live as one family,

united in love and obedience,

and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**