

St Helena's Anglican Church, Larnaca
13th January 2025

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 Ken is leading the service and Fr Geoff is preaching today.
- The next Women's Fellowship Breakfast is on Saturday, 18th January starting at 9.30am at Alexander's Restaurant. If you're interested in attending, please register on the Larnaca Community Church website.

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: 78 Brightest and best; 42 As with gladness men of old; 537 O worship the Lord in the beauty; 716 What Child is this; 364 Joy to the world

This week's readings – Baptism of Christ: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17; 21-22

Next week's readings – Second Sunday of Epiphany: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Psalm 36: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Psalm 29 - please join in with the verses in **bold**

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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 West Africa

Pray for St Christopher’s and St Paul’s, our twin cathedrals, their deans, their canons and their people.

Pray for St Martin’s, Sharjah, UAE

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens
and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**