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.
- The next said Eucharist in church is at 1pm, 28th May following the Book Sale.
- Today, Fr Geoff officiates.
- If you have a key to the Upper Room, could you please return it to Deb. Thank you.
- The next Council meeting will be 20th May. If you have something you would like to be discussed, please see a member of the Council.
- The new Archdeacon for Cyprus, Paul Carr, will be collated in St Paul's, Nicosia on 24th May at 12 noon. At the same service, Maria Evangelou will be ordained to the Diaconate.

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Hymns: 270 Hills of the north, rejoice; 622 The Church's one foundation; 742 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem; 493 O Jesus I have promised; 743 Ye holy angels bright

This week's readings – Fifth Sunday of Easter: Genesis 22: 1-18; Acts 11: 1-18; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35

Next week's readings – Sixth Sunday of Easter: Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21: 10, 22 – 22:5; John 14: 23-29

Collect

Almighty God,

who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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 in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Pray for the staff who conscientiously serve the administration of the diocese.

Pray for St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth,
and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen