



A CELEBRATION

**Holy
Eucharist**

SUNDAY 19 APRIL

Ayia Kyriaki (by St Paul's Pillar)

Kato Paphos

at 4.00pm

Celebrant

The Rt. Rev. Sean Semple

(Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf)

HYMN

The Golden Jubilee Hymn

Heavenly Father, as we gather,
Thank you for the life we share.
You have blessed our life together
In the land of calls to prayer.
In our Golden Jubilee year,
Give us rest, renew, restore;
Grant us grace to persevere
And know your presence evermore.

Jesus, you have come among us,
Welcomed, healed, restored and called;
In the land of Paul and Barnabas
Bring your loving Word to all.
We are shaped by many nations
Drawn from north, south, west and east,
Shaping life and expectations,
Foretaste of the heavenly feast.

Holy Spirit, come renew us
For the road that lies ahead.
Guide us, teach us, heal us, fill us;
Strengthen us through wine and bread.
Give us all renewed compassion
For the lands in which we live.
Be as one in full communion,
Sharing all we have to give.

Sing God's praises to the Father,
Sing God's praises to the Son,
Sing God's praises to the Spirit;
Ever Three, but ever One.
God has called us, shaped us, led us,
Gives us all we need to be
In the Gulf and land of Cyprus
In our Golden Jubilee.

Lyrics: Christopher M. Butt (b.1952), Dean of St Christopher's Cathedral Bahrain (2009-19)
Tune: Ode to Joy, final movement, 9th symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Welcome & Introduction

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Easter Anthems

Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you:

Risen from the dead.

We thought your love had reached a dead end:

Now we see it is the way to life.

We thought your life was wasted:

Now we see it is raised in glory.

We thought your suffering was pointless:

Now we see God's purpose in it.

We have been given a living hope:

Now that life has triumphed over death.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen:

He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

We have come together in the presence of God to give thanks for all the blessings received by His people worshipping in this Diocese and Parish over the past fifty years.

We have come together to give thanks to God for those who had the vision to found the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf and the Anglican Church in Paphos. For the realisation of that vision and for all that it has meant to successive generations.

We have also come together to mark the beginning of the next stage in the life of our Diocese and parish.

Almighty God, we give thanks for the continuing story of your people worshipping in our Diocese and parish. We thank you for every life dedicated to Jesus, for every act of service, for all your grace given and for your continued protection and sovereignty over us. We offer You our thanks and praise for all the blessings we have received at Your hands. AMEN.

Confession

Heavenly Father, we recognise we have misused your gifts: we have marred the beauty of the world and wasted its resources:

We are sorry and we ask for your forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, we recognise we have been impatient with people, lacking in understanding, short on love:

We are sorry and we ask for your forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, we recognise that we have been untrue to our heritage, unexpectant in our worship, half-hearted in our service and hesitant in our witness:

We are sorry and we ask for your forgiveness.

Heavenly Father, we recognise that we have failed Jesus: neglected his example, turned aside from his way, mistrusted his promises:

We are sorry and we ask for your forgiveness.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Collect of the Day (Third Sunday of Easter)

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

Liturgy of the Word

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Leviticus 25:8-12

1 John 3:1-24

This is the Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 552: Praise The Lord, Ye Heaven's Adore Him

Alleluia! Alleluia! I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore:

Alleluia!

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 2:18-22.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rt Revd Sean Semple, Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf

Prayers of Rededication

He who dwells in the shelter of the most high.

Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress.

He is my God in whom I trust.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we rededicate the parish, and the people, of the Anglican Church of Paphos to your service and to your glory.

We rededicate ourselves to your service, Lord.

Here, Father, may Your people be drawn into Your fellowship and renewed in Your love; may they hear Your word and come to know Your truth; may they find forgiveness from their sins and grace in abundance.

Here, Father, may you grant to the weary, the needy and those who suffer, healing, wholeness and restoration in their body soul and spirit.

Here, Father, may the Holy Spirit inspire and gift each one of you as you serve the mission of Jesus to which you have been called. So that all may be one in faith and purpose in the service of Christ.

We rededicate ourselves to your service, Lord.

As this parish is rededicated for the ministry of word and sacrament, may you devote yourselves afresh to the ministry of the Gospel, committed to you as God's people.

We rededicate ourselves to your service, Lord.

As this parish is rededicated as a place of fellowship, may you devote yourselves afresh to promote the fellowship of all God's people.

We rededicate ourselves to your service, Lord. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in God the Father,
From whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
Who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
Who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
AMEN.**

Prayers of Intercessions

Response:

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' They were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
And also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another a sign of His peace.

HYMN 129: Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us immeasurable grace. May these offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolise lives committed to the service of our risen Lord.

AMEN.

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

God our strength and salvation, as we offer these gifts of bread and wine, look with favour on your Church's solemn offering and by our communion, raise us to new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you:
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father. For on this feast of our redemption we praise you with joyful hearts in thanksgiving for your saving works since, in the mystery of your Son's passion, you have brought light to your children through the hope of eternal life.

Through the one perfect sacrifice offered on the cross he has restored us, men, women and children, to his own image; opened the gate of heaven and regained for us the hope of glory.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

And now with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name, praising you and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Loving Father, when the fullness of time had come, you sent your Son to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, went about among us and made our lives his own. Loving us to the end, he suffered death upon the cross; but in raising him to life, you restored him to us and set us free from sin and death to be his Body in the world.

AMEN. Jesus is Saviour, Jesus is Lord!

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

AMEN. Lord, we remember!

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

AMEN. Lord, we remember!

And so, recalling his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we offer you this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus!

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the body and blood of your Son; and on your people, that feeding on him, we may grow in love towards you and be renewed in faith and hope.

AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit!

Remember your Church in every place, and in these lands in which your saving Word was proclaimed by the prophets, apostles and martyrs of old, preserve us in unity, truth and peace. Bring us to that heavenly Jerusalem, where in the company of all the saints, living and departed, we may enter into our heritage.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be yours, eternal God, Almighty Father, in time and in eternity. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, we pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Giving of Communion

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

The celebrant offers the invitation to receive communion.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

All who normally receive communion are invited to receive the sacrament. The tradition in our parish is to intinct the wafer and place it into your hands. If you would rather receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms across your chest as an indication of your wish.

Prayer After Communion

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **AMEN.**

Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN 238: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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