

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

12th Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 22nd August 2021

**Processional Hymn- 210 – Oft in danger,
oft in woe**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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**

OT Reading – Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 Barbara

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods;

¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Psalm 34: vv 15-22

¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.

¹⁶ The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷ The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them: and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

¹⁹ Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

²⁰ He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.

²¹ But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

²² The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

NT Reading – Ephesians 6: 10–20 Sandra

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to

make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gradual Hymn: 312 – Jesus calls us

Gospel – John 6: 56-69

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him,

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

INTERCESSIONS – Sandra

We Pray Especially This Week:

*For Afghanistan, Haiti and Mexico
For those living with no food and water
For children separated from their parents*

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit:

Geraldine and her children, Anya - Mitzi's daughter, Sarah's mother Feodora and cousin Mathilda, Juliet, Veronica F's friend, Macknes family, Henry, Evonne, Matt, Tabitha's aunt, Brenda, Geraldine, Adrian, Viv, Stephanie, Cyril & Janet, Minnie, Alexander, Trisha, Cousin Zen, all at 44 Kimberley Road & Christopher, Miriam, Denise M, Ernestine, Simon & Samantha, Girish, Enid, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ina, Tony, Noel, Irene, Ron, Avril and all we know and love

† We lift to you Lord, The souls of:

Pablo Larious Rodriguez, Ronald Burke, Revd Dr Martyn Hill, Veronica's great nephew Conrad, Tabitha's mother, Mark of Peckham, Dionne - Denise's sister, and all who have died of Covid-

† May light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We Give Thanks and Praise :

*For Our emergency services
For our Deanery clergy helping in interregnum – today Revd Hilary Fife
For Holiday clubs for children*

Offertory Hymn: 95 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Communion Hymns.

160 – We love this place, O Lord

272 – O God unseen, yet ever near

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may not
so much seek to be consoled as to
console; to be understood as to
understand; to be loved as to love. For
it is in giving that we receive; it is in
pardoning that we are pardoned; and it
is in dying that we are born to eternal
life.

Recessional Hymn: 219 – Soldiers of Christ arise

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today **10:00am-11:30 - Trinity 12 HC + Sunday School – Guest President and Preacher Revd Hilary Fife**

3rd and final Banns Reading

Tues 24 Aug **Night Prayer taking a short break until the 7th September**

Weds 25 Aug **10am-10.45am Holy Communion peaceful & prayerful**

Thurs 26 Aug **Bible Study is taking a break until the 9th September**

Sat 28 Aug **10am-11am Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings**

Sun 22 Aug **10:00am-11:30 - Bartholomew the Apostle -HC + Sunday School + Revd Jeremy Clark-King**

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“...The words testament and covenant are virtually synonymous in their theological usage, the Latin definition of testamentum being "a covenant with God, holy scripture." Thus, the Old and New Testaments, as we commonly refer to them, are written testimonies or witnesses (the Latin testis meaning "witness") of the covenants between God and man in various dispensations.”

— Jeffrey R. Holland

“Man approaches God most nearly when he is in one sense least like God. For what can be more unlike than fullness and need, sovereignty and humility, righteousness and penitence, limitless power and a cry for help?”

— C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves

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