

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON
Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist
Sunday 19th September 2021

HYMN 1- 107 – The Lord is King

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Proverbs 3: 13-18 – Craig

¹³ Happy are those who find wisdom,
and those who get understanding,
¹⁴ for her income is better than silver,
and her revenue better than gold.
¹⁵ She is more precious than jewels,
and nothing you desire can compare
with her.¹⁶ Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honour.
¹⁷ Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.¹⁸ She is a
tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.

Psalm 119: vv 65-72 Bonitatem fecisti

⁶⁵ O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with
thy servant : according unto thy word.
⁶⁶ O learn me true understanding and
knowledge : for I have believed thy
commandments.
⁶⁷ Before I was troubled, I went wrong :
but now have I kept thy word.

⁶⁸ Thou art good and gracious : O teach
me thy statutes.
⁶⁹ The proud have imagined a lie against
me : but I will keep thy commandments
with my whole heart.
⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my
delight hath been in thy law.
⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been in
trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.
⁷² The law of thy mouth is dearer unto
me : than thousands of gold and silver.
**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 – 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6 – Sarah

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said,

“Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hymn 2: 240 – Teach me my God and King

Gospel: Matthew 9: 9-13 SPA Mitzi

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”



INTERCESSIONS – Marie

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For Covid testing across the UK and for those organising it.
- For our health and of our families.
- For people returning to work still fearing for their safety
- for evangelists everywhere

We Pray for those Unwell in Body,

Mind or Spirit: John J, Jean, Sarah’s mother Feodora and cousin Mathilda, Juliet, Veronica F’s friend, Macknes family, Henry, Evonne, Matt, Tabitha’s aunt, Brenda, 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 those we know and love

We lift to you Lord, the souls of all who have died of Covid
+May light perpetual shine upon them, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. – We pray for all who are mourning

We Give Thanks and Praise :

- For music that inspires us
- For the rain and the sparkle it brings to our flowers
- For love in families and children
- For our Holy Dusters
- For our clergy who minister to us during interregnum especially those here today

Offertory Hymn: 356 – Father Lord of all creation

Communion Hymns.

246– Just as I am without one plea

HHS 68– Seek Ye First

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added
unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened
unto you
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*

*Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Hallelu, Hallelujah!*



Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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.

Hymn 6 239 Forth in thy name O Lord I go

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

- Today 10am** Preaching Reader Peter Graystone + Sunday School & YPIG
After the service – Bring and Share Lunch
- Tues 21 Sept** 7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation –
Zoom – led by Craig and Christine
- Weds 22 Sept** 10am-11.00am Holy Communion in Church Revd Joyce Forbes,
SPA Mitzi Reflection, SPA Marie Intercessions
7.00pm Black Theology Club – Led by SPA Marie
- Thurs 23 Sept** Bible Study is taking a break until the 7th October
- Sat 25 Sept** 10am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness
10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms
(Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
- Sun 26 Sept** 10.00am-11.30am Michael and All Angels
HC + Sunday School – Revd Hilary Fife Presiding and Preaching,
Christine Intercessions

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK - chosen by Barbara

“Apostles go into new territory and establish God’s kingdom.”

— Sherry K. White, *Walking in the Father's Riches: The Prosperity of Sonship*

“You should train disciples and followers to work and perform better than you did” —

Sunday Adelaja

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”

Theodore Roosevelt

*“Pastors, Apostles, Prophets, Teachers and Evangelist, the five fold ministry is simply the
ministry of JESUS CHRIST in five expressions.”*

— Kingsley Opuwari Manuel

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