

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON
17th Sunday of Trinity/ Michael and All Angels
Sunday 26th September 2021

HYMN 1- 163– Angel Voices ever singing

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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**

OT Reading – Genesis 28: 10-17 – Martin

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south;

and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Psalm 103: vv 19-22

¹⁹ The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.

²⁰ O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

²¹ O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

²² O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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 – Revelation 12: 7-12 – Pearl

⁷ And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back,⁸ but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.

⁹ The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

¹¹ But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.

¹² Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

Hymn 2: 96 – Bright the Vision

Gospel – John 1: 47-51 – James

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”



INTERCESSIONS – Christine

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For the elderly who have nobody to speak with
- For those struggling with addiction
- For those missing loved ones who have died
- For those with no family

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 those who work with mental health patients
- For funeral directors and their staff
- For those struggling with poverty
- For our church leaders and those helping us during interregnum especially Revd Hilary Fife here with us today
- For James our Reader who ran our service last week bringing the Holy Spirit into our hearts

Offertory Hymn: 198 – Ye Holy Angels Bright

Communion Hymns.

199 – Immortal Invisible

HHS 25– Thou who was rich

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through 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 – 192 – Praise my Soul, The King of Heaven

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

- Today** **10:00am-11:30am – Michael and All Angels + HC + Sunday School – Revd Hilary Fife to Preside and Preach**
- Tues 28 Sept** **7.30pm-8.30pm Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation – Zoom – led by Craig and Christine**
- Weds 29 Sept** **10am-10.45am Holy Communion in Church**
- Thurs 30 Sept** **Bible Study returns on the 7th October**
- Sat 2 Oct** **10am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness**
10am-11am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and all bookings
- Sun 3 Oct** **10.00am-11.30am – Harvest Festival All Together Service**
HC Presiding and Preaching – the Revd Andy Dovey
PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD OFFERINGS WITH YOU
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THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK - chosen by Barbara

“Nobody's perfect. We're all just one step up from the beasts and one step down from the angels.”

— Jeannette Walls, *Half Broke Horses*

“For truly we are all angels temporarily hiding as humans.”

— Brian L. Weiss

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

— Anonymous, *Holy Bible: King James Version*

“When angels visit us, we do not hear the rustle of wings, nor feel the feathery touch of the breast of a dove; but we know their presence by the love they create in our hearts.”

— Mary Baker Eddy, *Poems by Mary Baker Eddy*

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