

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

## Advent Sunday

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**HYMN 1- 26 – O Come, O come  
Emmanuel**

***During the lighting of the Patriarchal  
Advent Candle we sing:***

*Advent candles tell their story*

*As we watch and pray:*

*Longing for the day of glory*

*'Come, Lord soon' we say.*

*Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness*

*Changed for gladness on that day*

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **OT Reading – Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Sue**

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

### **PSALM FOR THE DAY – 25:1-9**

***Ad te, Domine, levavi***

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

2 For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

3 Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

8 Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

***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 – 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13, Sheri

<sup>9</sup> How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup> And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### Hymn 2: 31 – Come Thou long expected Jesus

#### *Gospel – Luke 21: 25-36*

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>27</sup> Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

<sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup> “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

## **INTERCESSIONS – Christine**

### **We Pray Especially This Week:**

- For parents dreading the cost of Christmas
- For staff having to work during the run up to Christmas
- For people affected by the cold weather
- For those unable to leave their homes due to Covid

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

John J, Jean, Sarah's mother Fedora, 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 Pearl, Mathilda and Rosetta**  
+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 our church fellowship
- For our postmen and women who bring us news from friends and family
- For those who work in charities
- For our churchwardens and relief clergy especially Revd Linda here today

## **Offertory – 470 Hills of the North Rejoice**

### **Communion Hymns.**

**8– Hail Gladdening Light**

**179– God of mercy, God of Grace**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; 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.

### **Final Hymn: 28 Lo He Comes**

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Today**                    **10.00am** – Advent Sunday + Sunday School – Revd Linda Fox presiding and preaching
- Tues 30 Nov**            **7.30pm-8.30pm** Night Prayer with mindfulness and meditation – Zoom – led by Craig and Christine
- Weds 1 Dec**             **10am-10.45am** Midweek Service in Church
- Thurs 2 Dec**            **7.30pm-8.30pm** – Zoom Bible Study, led by James
- Sat 4 Dec**                **10am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness**  
**10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office** for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings  
10am-1pm Macmillan Christmas Coffee Morning
- Sun 28 Nov**            **10.00am** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion and Sunday School

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### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*“At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern.”*

*— Mother Teresa, Love: A Fruit Always in Season*

*“It is now, at Advent, that I am given the chance to suspend all expectation...and instead to revel in the mystery.”*

*— Jerusalem Jackson Greer, A Homemade Year: The Blessings of Cooking, Crafting, and Coming Together*

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### Next Sunday's Readings Advent 2

*OT - Malachi 3 vv 1-4*

*NT - Philippians 1 vv: 3-11*

*Gospel - Luke 3 vv 1-6*

*Psalm - Benedictus*

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