

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

## Feast of the Epiphany

2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022

**HYMN 1- 52 The people that in darkness**

### ***COLLECT FOR THE DAY***

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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**

### ***OLD TESTAMENT READING***

***Isaiah 60:1-6 Murnell***

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### ***PSALM 72: vv 10-15***

<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents: the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> All kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall do him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth: the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He shall be favourable to the simple and needy: and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

<sup>14</sup> He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong: and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

<sup>15</sup> He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia: prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

***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**

## **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

### ***Ephesians 3: 1-12 Lilian***

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,<sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,<sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.<sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:<sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.<sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,<sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see<sup>[c]</sup> what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.<sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,<sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Hymn 2 – 49 O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness**

## **GOSPEL READING**

### ***Matthew 2: 1-12***

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."<sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;<sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.<sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:<sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.<sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."<sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.<sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Prayers of Intercession - Craig**

**We Pray Especially This Week For:**

- A Happy New Year and for Resolutions kept
- Those who cannot afford to heat their homes
- The work of our Prime Minister and leaders of the other parties in managing Covid
- This Parish - for continued flourishing in numbers, worship and prayer

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

*Kat's sister Christine, 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:**

- All shop workers and delivery drivers working over the Christmas period
- Revd Ada for guiding us in our Christian journey
- Doctors, nurses and carers working with the sick, frail and elderly

**Offertory Hymn –**

**HHS 26 We Three Kings**

**Communion Hymns**

**HHS 27 – What child is this?**

**HHS 25 – Thou who was rich**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**The 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 – 51 As with Gladness, Men of Old**

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

- Today**                    **10.00am-11.30am** – The Epiphany – HC with Revd Ada presiding and preaching
- Weds 5 Jan**            **10am-10.45am** Midweek service in church
- Sat 8 Jan**                **10.00am-11.00am** Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings  
**2pm-4pm** – Seniors' Mix & Mingle
- Sun 9 Jan**                **10am-11.30am** – Baptism of Christ HC – Revd Ada presiding and preaching  
Standing Committee Meeting after the service
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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

The term “epiphany” comes from a Greek word which means “appearance” or “manifestation.” In Western Christianity the festival of Epiphany, observed on the sixth of January, celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, the coming of the Magi to see the child Jesus

“Now the wren has gone to roost and the sky is turnin' gold  
And like the sky my soul is also turnin'  
Turnin' from the past, at last and all I've left behind”  
— **Ray Lamontagne, God Willin' & the Creek Don't Rise**

“Small things start us in new ways of thinking”  
— **V.S. Naipaul, A Bend in the River**

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