

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday 5th December 2021

HYMN 1- 484 – Long ago, prophets knew

During the lighting of the Prophets

Advent Candle we sing:

Prophet voices loudly crying,

Making pathways clear:

Glimpsing glory, self-denying,

Calling all to hear.

*Through their message – challenged,
shaken -*

Hearts awaken: God is near

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered

in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading – Malachi 3: 1-4, Barbara

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness.

⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

THE BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 – Philippians 1: 3-11, Pearl

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Hymn 2: 24 – Hark a thrilling voice

Gospel – Luke 3: 1-6 – SPA Mitzi

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

INTERCESSIONS – Sandra

We Pray Especially This Week:

-For those affected by the cold and unable to afford heating

-For those fearful of the new Covid variant

-For our Deanery and its clergy and congregations

-For those who are alone and lonely

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

Kat's sister Christine, John J, Jean, Sarah's mother Feodora, 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 PCC leading the church in the absence of a vicar

-For the Advent season bringing us hope

-For those volunteering in vaccination centres

-For the MacMillan coffee morning yesterday

Offertory – 32 Sleepers awake

Communion Hymns.

25– The Advent of our King

30– Hark the glad sound

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,

who sent your Son to redeem the world

and will send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming

that, when he comes again,

we may be ready to greet him

with joyful love and firm faith; 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: HHS 2 - People Look East

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Today** **10.00am-11.15am** – (Advent 2) + Sunday School – Father Tom Hurcombe presiding and preaching
- Tues 7 Dec** **7.30pm-8.30pm** Night Prayer with mindfulness and meditation – Zoom – led by Craig and Christine. **Final session until 2022**
- Weds 8 Dec** **10am-10.45am** Midweek Service in Church
- Fri 10 Dec** **7:00pm-9.00pm** – Choir Practice – for the Carol Service – Please be there!
- Sat 11 Dec** **10am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness – final until 2022**
10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
2pm-4pm – Seniors’ Mix & Mingle
- Sun 12 Dec** **10.00am** – Advent 3 – Holy Communion and Sunday School – Revd Ada Onyekwelu presiding and preaching
4.00pm – Traditional Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“We can always be sure of one thing—that the messengers of discomfort and sacrifice will be stoned and pelted by those who wish to preserve at all costs their own contentment. This is not a lesson that is confined to the Testaments.”

— Christopher Hitchens, Love, Poverty, and War: Journeys and Essays

“No wonder God chose this dark land to send prophets to, for a candle only shines in the dark.”

— Rami Ollaik, The Bees Road

Next Sunday’s Readings Advent 3

OT - Zephaniah 3 vv 14-20

NT - Philippians 4 vv: 4-7

Gospel - Luke 3 vv 7-18

Psalm - 146 vv 4-10

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