

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021

---

### **HYMN 1: 27 – On Jordan's bank**

*During the lighting of the John the Baptist Advent Candle we sing:*

*John the Baptist, by his preaching,  
And by water poured,  
Brought to those who heard his teaching,  
News of hope restored:  
'Keep your vision strong and steady,  
And be ready for the Lord'.*

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **OT Reading – Zephaniah 3: 14-20, Sandra**

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

### **Psalm 146 vv 4-10**

<sup>4</sup> Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever;

<sup>6</sup> Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord careth for the strangers, he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

<sup>10</sup> The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

***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 4: 4-7,  
Christine**

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

**Hymn 2: 316 – Lo, from the desert homes**

**Gospel – Luke 3: 7-18**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## **INTERCESSIONS – Barbara**

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

- For those still without power due to storms Arwen and Barra
- For those on end of life palliative care – especially those we know and love
- For people worrying that festivities will be cancelled again at Christmas time

### **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 volunteers caring for our homeless
- For those working in shops and leisure venues
- For our PCC and especially our churchwardens working hard to keep our church going
- For Revd Ada coming to give us spiritual guidance and care

## **Offertory – 345-Christ is the King**

### **Communion Hymns.**

**254– Thee we adore**

**258– Author of life divine**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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 95 - To God be the glory**

## NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Today**                    **10.00am-11.30am** – (Advent 3) + Sunday School – Welcome to Revd Ada, presiding and preaching today  
**4:00pm** – Our Traditional 9 lessons and Carols Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Please come and support your choir.  
Revd Susan presiding
- Tues 14 Dec**            Night Prayer is having a Christmas break
- Weds 15 Dec**           **10am-10.45am** Midweek Service in Church
- Thurs 16 Dec**          Bible Study is having a Christmas break – Next week’s readings are below for you to study yourself if you wish
- Sat 18 Dec**            **10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office** for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
- Sun 19 Dec**            **10.00am** – Advent 4 – Holy Communion and Sunday School –The Venerable Rosemarie Mallet, Archdeacon of Croydon, presiding and preaching
- 

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

*"Baptism is bowing before the Father and letting him do his work."  
- Max Lucado*

*John the Baptist never performed any miracles. Yet, he was greater than any of the Old Testament prophets.  
**Leonard Ravenhill***

*"John (the Baptist) stands as prophets do to this very day, as an unyielding presence unsettling us and leaving us not quite sure of how we feel about him.  
**Eugene Kennedy, Joy of Being Human***

---

### **Next Sunday's Readings Advent 4**

*OT - Micah 5 vv 2-5a  
NT - Hebrews 10 vv: 5-10  
Gospel - Luke 1 vv 39-45  
Canticle - The Magnificat*

---

*Copyright acknowledgement:*

*The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible copyright©1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in the USA. All rights reserved. Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England copyright© The Archbishops' Council*