

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 19th December 2021

**HYMN 1: 26 – O Come O Come
Emmanuel**

***During the lighting of the Virgin Mary's
Advent Candle we sing:***

*Mary's gift beyond all telling
We recall today;
Son of God within her dwelling,
Born to show the way.
Who could guess the final story?
-cross and glory; Easter Day!*

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

OT Reading Micah 5:2-5a, Murnell

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Canticle – The Magnificat

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
10. As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

***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 – Hebrews 10: 5-10, Sue

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’ (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸ When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hymn 2: 360 – For Mary Mother of our God

Gospel – Luke 1: 39-45 - Mitzi

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

⁴³ And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”



INTERCESSIONS – Marie

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those positive with Omicron
- For those especially remembering lost ones at this time
- For Churches across the diocese celebrating Christmas with doors open
- For those alone at Christmas

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 our relief clergy helping us to grow our faith especially Archdeacon Rosemarie here today
- For those in the choir for our Sunday evening carol service
- For those who came to sing at the carol service

Offertory – 40 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

Communion Hymns.

33– Of the Father's love begotten

311– Virgin born we bow before Thee

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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: 422 - Tell out my soul

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Today** **10.00am-11.30am** – (Advent 4) HC – The Ven Rosemarie Mallet presiding and preaching + Sunday School
Faith Action Team Meeting after the service, led by James
- Weds 22 Dec** **10am-10.45am** Midweek service in church
- Fri 24 Dec** **11.30pm-12.45am** – Christmas Eve Midnight Mass (please note incense will be used). Rev Andy Dovey presiding and preaching
- Sat 25 Dec** **10.00am-11.30am** – Christmas Day Service – HC – Wear your Christmas jumpers
- Sun 26 Dec** **10.00am-11.30am** – St Stephen’s Day Service
- Weds 29 Dec** **10am-10.45am** – Midweek service in church
- Fri 31 Dec** **We wish you all a Happy New Year – there is no Watch Night service tonight**
- Sun 2 Jan** **10am-11.30am** – The Epiphany + HC

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Luke's Gospel account of the Christmas event is full of activity...And yet, in the middle of the frenetic action, here is this woman wrapped in mystical silence...She demonstrates the necessity of a quiet place within ourselves at Christmastime—that place where we are most ourselves in relation to God.

William Frebuser, "Making Christmas a Saving Event,"

"Piazzas, churches named for a teenager who gave life to the Christ. Sculptures, paintings, frescoes devoted to her holiness. But the only thing about her we remember, she was a virgin."

— Joy McCullough, Blood Water Paint

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