

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**HYMN 1: 46 – Once in Royal David's City**

## **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **OT Reading – 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Sheri**

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod.

<sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

<sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

**Psalm 148 vv 1-6**

## ***Laudate Dominum***

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

<sup>6</sup> He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

***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 – Colossians 3: 12-17, Sue**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Hymn 2: 39 – Angels from the Realms**

## **Gospel – Luke 2: 41-52 - Mitzi**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

<sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." <sup>49</sup> He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

## **INTERCESSIONS – Marie**

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

*-For the victims of Covid  
-For those who spent Christmas in hospital away from their homes  
-For the families of servicemen and women away from their loved ones  
-For those worrying over the cost of 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 those who cared for the homeless at Christmas  
-For those who worked in the health service over Christmas  
-For the services we held during the Christmas season  
-For our clergy, servers, choir and organist and all who attended services during the Christmas period*

## **Offertory – 41 – It Came Upon the Midnight**

### **Communion Hymns.**

**33– Of the Father's love begotten  
HHS 21– The First Noel**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:

help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; 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 28 - Good King Wenceslas**

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Today</b>	<b>10.00am-11.30am</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas. Revd Ada presiding, reader James preaching
<b>Weds 29 Dec</b>	<b>10am-10.45am</b> Midweek service in church
<b>Fri 31 Dec</b>	<b>No New Year's Eve Watch Service</b>
<b>Sat 1 Jan</b>	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR – Parish Office closed for today</b> <b>10.00am-11.30am</b> – St Stephen's Day Service
<b>Sun 2 Jan</b>	<b>10am-11.30am</b> – The Epiphany + HC + Incense. Revd Ada presiding and preaching

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### THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

*"Love is not love Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove.*

*O no, it is an ever-fixed mark That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wand'ring bark, Whose worth's unknown, although his height be  
taken."*

— **William Shakespeare, Sonnets no 116**

*"Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in  
a garage can make you a car."*

— **Garrison Keillor**

*"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought,  
doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"*

— **Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!**

### **Next Sunday's Readings – Epiphany**

OT - Isaiah 60 – vv 1-6

NT - Ephesians 3 – vv1-12

Gospel - Matthew 2 – vv1-12

Psalm- 72 – vv10-15

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