

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON
Epiphany 1 – The Baptism of Christ
Sunday 9th January 2022

HYMN 1: 198 – Ye Holy Angels bright

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

OT Reading – Isaiah 43: 1-7 Sandra

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you; and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you; when you
walk through fire you shall not be
burned, and the flame shall not consume
you.
³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy
One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt
as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in
exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are
precious in my sight, and honoured, and
I love you, I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not
fear, for I am with you; I will bring your
offspring from the east, and from the
west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the
north, "Give them up," and to the south,
"Do not withhold; bring my sons from far
away and my daughters from the

end of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called
by my name, whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Psalm 29 vv 1-10

Afferte Domino

Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring
young rams unto the Lord : ascribe unto
the Lord worship and strength.

² Give the Lord the honour due unto his
Name : worship the Lord with holy
worship.

³ It is the Lord that commandeth the
waters : it is the glorious God that maketh
the thunder.

⁴ It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; the voice
of the Lord is mighty in operation : the
voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-
trees : yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of
Libanus.

⁶ He maketh them also to skip like a calf :
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young
unicorn.

⁷ The voice of the Lord divideth the flames
of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the
wilderness: yea, the Lord shaketh the
wilderness of Cades.

⁸ The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to
bring forth young, and discovereth the
thick bushes : in his temple doth every man
speak of his honour.

⁹ The Lord sitteth above the water-flood :
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.

¹⁰ The Lord shall give strength unto his
people : the Lord shall give his people the
blessing 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 – Acts 8: 14-17 Sarah

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hymn 2: 144 – Come let us join

Gospel – Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize 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. ¹⁷ 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.” ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”



Baptism is a Christian rite of admission and adoption, almost invariably with the use of water, into Christianity.

INTERCESSIONS – Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those struggling with the cold
- For those receiving unexpected bills
- For children and teachers returning to school
- For those forced to isolate
- For those whose churches have been closed

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 have worked throughout the pandemic
- For our families
- For Our PCC and churchwardens
- For our covering clergy especially Rev Ada

Offertory – 262 – Alleluia sing to Jesus

Communion Hymns.

246– Just as I am

162– Jesus where'er thy people meet

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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: 192 – Praise my Soul

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

- Today** **10.00am-11.30am – Baptism of Christ HC**
After the service, Standing Committee Meeting
- Tues 11 Jan** **7.30pm-8.30pm – Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation**
(Zoom)
- Weds 12 Jan** **10am-10.45am Midweek service in church**
- Sat 15 Jan** **10.00am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms**
(Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
- Sun 16 Jan** **10am-11.30am – Epiphany 2**

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“It is because baptism is a real insertion of human beings into the ascended manhood of Christ that the Church is Christ's own body, flesh of his flesh and bone of his bones.”

*— E.L. Mascall, **The Mother of God: A Symposium***

“Prominent Christians in Constantine's time waited to be baptized until their deathbeds lest they commit a "major" sin that couldn't be forgiven of those already baptized.”

Thomas F. Madden, From Jesus to Christianity: A History of the Early Church

“To be baptized is a sign that everything we are – work and play, personality and character, commitments and passions, family and ethnicity – is gathered up and given shape and definition by our identity as one of God's own children.”

Thomas G. Long, Accompany Them with Singing: The Christian Funeral

Next Sunday's Readings – Epiphany 2

Isaiah 62 – vv 1-5

1 Corinthians 12 – vv 1-11

John 2 – vv 1-11

Psalm 36 – vv 5-10

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