

# HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

## Epiphany 3

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

**HYMN 1: 125 – O for a thousand  
tongues to sing**

### **COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the  
poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **OT Reading – Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Martin**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

<sup>6</sup> Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

<sup>8</sup> So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

### **Psalm 19 vv 1-6**

#### ***Caeli enarrant***

The heavens declare the glory of God :  
and the firmament sheweth his  
handywork.

<sup>2</sup> One day telleth another : and one night  
certifieth another.

<sup>3</sup> There is neither speech nor language :  
but their voices are heard among them.

<sup>4</sup> Their sound is gone out into all lands :  
and their words into the ends of the  
world.

<sup>5</sup> In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

<sup>6</sup> It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

***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 – 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a  
Pearl**

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup> Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup> On the

contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup> whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts.

**Hymn 2: 30 – Hark the glad sound**

**Gospel – Luke 4: 14-21**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

### **INTERCESSIONS – Christine**

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

- For the end of Covid
- For moderation in politics
- For the people of Ukraine
- For those in Afghanistan suffering again under the Taliban

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

*Geraldine, Sandra, Kat’s sister Christine, 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, Ethel, Pat & Enid, Bridget, Ina, Tony, Noel, Irene, Ron, Avril and all those we know and love*

**We lift to you Lord, the soul of Veronica’s cousin Tashan 32, who died on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for his mother Sharon and his brother Kadeem**

*+May light perpetual shine upon him,*

**May he rest in peace and rise in glory.**

*– We pray for all who are mourning*

### **We Give Thanks and Praise :**

*-For our PCC meeting last Thursday*

*-For Rev Ada and her love of God*

*-For our Church family*

### **Offertory – 168 – The heavens declare Thy glory**

#### **Communion Hymns.**

**380– Jesus Lord we look to Thee**

**233– O Thou who camest**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he 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.

#### **Hymn 6: HHS 95 – To God be the glory**

## NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Today</b>	<b>10.00am-11.30am – Epiphany 3 – Revd Ada presiding and preaching</b>
<b>Tues 25 Jan</b>	<b>7.30pm-8.30pm – Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation (Zoom)</b>
<b>Weds 26 Jan</b>	<b>10am-10.45am Midweek service in church</b>
<b>Thurs 27 Jan</b>	<b>7.30pm-8.30pm Bible Study, led by James</b>
<b>Sat 29 Jan</b>	<b>10.00am-10.30am Prayers for Healing &amp; Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters &amp; Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings</b>
<b>Sun 30 Jan</b>	<b>10am-11.30am – Candlemas + Sunday Scholl – Revd Ada presiding, Reader James preaching</b>

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## THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.”

— C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

“Religion. It's given people hope in a world torn apart by religion.”

— Jon Stewart

## *Next Sunday's Readings – Candlemas*

*Malachi 3 – vv 1-5*  
*Hebrews 2 – vv 14-18*  
*Luke 2 – vv 22-40*  
*Psalm 24 – vv 1-10*

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