HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON Third Sunday before Lent

Sunday 13th February 2022

HYMN 1: 336 – All my hope on God is founded

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 - Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Lilian

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1 vv 1-7 Beatus vir qui non abiit

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

- ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.
- ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season.
- ⁴ His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.
- ⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.
- ⁶ Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- ⁷ But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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 15: 12-20 Sandra

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hymn 2: 238 – Blest are the pure in heart

Gospel – Luke 6: 17-26 Mitzi

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

INTERCESSIONS - Barbara

We Pray Especially This Week:

- -For parents struggling with childcare provision during half term
- -For those told they have a terminal illness
- -For those unable to heat their homes

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

Janet J, Stephen McBean, 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 .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 God's blessings
- -For the coming of spring
- -For our church family

Offertory –80 – Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven

Communion Hymns. 112– God moves in a mysterious way HHS 58– I cannot tell

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger:

draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where 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.

Final Hymn: HHS 90– One more step along the world I go

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today 10.00am-11.15am – 3rd Sunday before Lent – Revd Ada presiding and

preaching

11.30am - Short Building and Finance Meeting

Tues 15 Feb 7.30pm-8.30pm – Zoom Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation

Weds 16 Feb 10am-10.45am Midweek service in church

Thurs 17 Feb 7.30pm-8.30pm Zoom Bible Study, led by James

Sat 19 Feb 10.00am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms

(Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings

Sun 20 Feb 10am-11.30am – 2nd Sunday before Lent – Revd Susan Wheeler-Kiley to

preside and preach

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Count your blessings, not your problems. Count your own blessings, not someone else's. Remember that jealousy is when you count someone else's blessings instead of your own."

— Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart

"God bless us, every one!"

Charles Dickens, A Christmas Carol

"Money can't buy no blessings."

 Ron Hall, Same Kind of Different as Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together

Next Sunday's Readings - Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 2 – vv 4b-9, 15-25 Revelation 4 – vv 1-11 Luke 8 – vv 22-25 Psalm 65 – vv 1-14

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