

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 6th March 2022

HYMN 1: 56– Forty days and forty nights

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 – Deuteronomy 26 – vv 1-11 Martin

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91 – vv 1-2, 9-16

Qui habitat

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold : my God, in him will I trust.

⁹ For thou, Lord, art my hope : thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

¹⁰ There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

¹² They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

¹³ Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him : I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him my salvation.

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 – Romans 10 – vv 8b –13-Christine

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all

and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Hymn 2: 55 – Christian dost thou see

Gospel – Luke 4 – vv 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, - ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

INTERCESSIONS – Craig

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For the people of Ukraine*
- For our churchwardens taking on extra work while maintaining their own jobs*
- For Revd Ada bringing life and warmth to our worship*

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

Sue & Jim, Janet & John 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 +May light perpetual shine upon him, May he rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for all those mourning.

We Give Thanks and Praise :

- For those trying to bring peace to troubled parts of the world*
- For those going back to work*
- For teachers and support staff in schools*
- For the joy of music*

Offertory –123– Jesu lover of my soul

Communion Hymn

HHS 70– Sweet Sacrament Divine

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HHS 63 Make me a channel of your peace

A PRAYER DURING INTERREGNUM

Heavenly Father, During our Interregnum period

We call on you for guidance, vision and renewed hope.

As we seek a new incumbent oh Lord, We ask for someone who will be filled with Godly love Faithful in prayer and be prepared to serve you with joy.

May the work that they do impact positively on Holy Saviour and the wider community.

As we pray and wait faithfully, help us to remember that the plans you have for us are not filled with harm, but give us that reassurance of a future filled with hope.

Thank you oh Lord for continuing on this journey with us.

AMEN

Final Hymn HHS 86 – Lord for the years

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10.00am-11.15am – First Sunday in Lent + Sunday School Articles of Inquiry Meeting – Churchwardens, Treasurer
Tues 8 Mar	7.30pm-8.30pm – Zoom Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
Weds 9 Mar	10am-10.45am Midweek Service
Thurs 10 Mar	7.00pm-9.00pm PCC Meeting in the hall
Sat 12 Mar	10.00am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings 2.00pm-4.00pm – Seniors' Mix and Mingle
Sun 13 Mar	10am-11.15am – Second Sunday in Lent

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"I generally avoid temptation unless I can't resist it."
— Mae West

"Lead me not into temptation. I can find the way myself."
— Jane Seabrook, *Furry Logic Laugh at Life*

"We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because he was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means."
— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Next Sunday's Readings – Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15 – vv 1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3 – vv 17 –4.1

Luke 13 – vv 31-35

Psalms 27 – vv 1-16

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