

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH CROYDON

Third Sunday of Lent

20th March 2022

**HYMN 1- 331 – The God of Abraham
praise (vv 1-5 omit v 2)**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Barbara Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

PSALM 63: vv 1-9

Deus, Deus meus.

O God, thou art my God : early will I seek thee.

² My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee : in a barren and dry land where no water is.

³ Thus have I looked for thee in holiness : that I might behold thy power and glory.

⁴ For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself : my lips shall praise thee.

⁵ As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner : and lift up my hands in thy Name.

⁶ My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness : when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

⁷ Have I not remembered thee in my bed : and thought upon thee when I was waking?

⁸ Because thou hast been my helper : therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

⁹ My soul hangeth upon thee : thy right hand hath upholden me.

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

**NEW TESTAMENT READING - Sue
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hymn 2 – 211 – Through the night

**GOSPEL READING
Luke 13 : 1-9 Marie**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Prayers of Intercession - Marie

We Pray Especially This Week:

- For those in Russia afraid to challenge their government
- For those struggling with cost of living rises
- For those with mental health issues

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 souls of those killed in the invasion of Ukraine especially the women and children

*✠ May light perpetual shine upon them,
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- For bravery in the face of adversity
- For love in the face of hate
- For those opening up their hearts to those in trouble

Offertory Hymn HHS 71 – Tell me the old, old story

Communion Hymn

HHS 49 - Be still for the presence of the Lord

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 – 204 – Let us with a gladsome mind

NOTICES FOR THE WEEK

Today	10.00am-11.15am – Third Sunday in Lent with Revd Ada presiding and Reader James preaching
Tues 22 Mar	7.30pm-8.30pm – Zoom Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation
Weds 23 Mar	10am-10.45am Midweek Service
Thurs 24 Mar	No Lent course this week
Sat 26 Mar	10.00am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
Sun 27 Mar	10am-11.15am – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday and Cream Tea to follow the service

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

“But now, for the first time, I see you are a man like me. I thought of your hand-grenades, of your bayonet, of your rifle; now I see your wife and your face and our fellowship. Forgive me, comrade. We always see it too late. Why do they never tell us that you are poor devils like us, that your mothers are just as anxious as ours, and that we have the same fear of death, and the same dying and the same agony—
Forgive me, comrade; how could you be my enemy?”

— Erich Maria Remarque, **All Quiet on the Western Front**

Next Sunday's Readings – Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2 – vv 1-10
2 Corinthians 1 – vv 3-7
Luke 2 – vv 33-35
Psalm 34 – vv 11-20

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