

HOLY SAVIOUR CHURCH – CROYDON
Sixth Sunday of Easter – 22nd May 2022

HYMN 1- HHS 88 – How great Thou art

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

Ezekiel 37 : 1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.
² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”
⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.
⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Psalm 67 vv 1-7

Deus misereatur

God be merciful unto us, and bless us :
and shew us the light of his
countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon
earth : thy saving health among all
nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God :
yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.

5 Let the people praise thee, O God : let
all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase : and God, even our own God,
shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us : and all the ends of
the world shall fear him.

***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 - Sylvia **Acts 16 : 9-15**

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision:
there stood a man of Macedonia
pleading with him and saying, "Come
over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When
he had seen the vision, we immediately
tried to cross over to Macedonia, being
convinced that God had called us to
proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹ We
set sail from Troas and took a straight
course to Samothrace, the following day
to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi,
which is a leading city of the district of

Macedonia and a Roman colony. We
remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On
the Sabbath day we went outside the
gate by the river, where we supposed
there was a place of prayer; and we sat
down and spoke to the women who had
gathered there.

¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a
worshiper of God, was listening to us; she
was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer
in purple cloth. The Lord opened her
heart to listen eagerly to what was said
by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household
were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If
you have judged me to be faithful to the
Lord, come and stay at my home." And
she prevailed upon us.

Hymn 2 – 157- Breathe on me breath of God

GOSPEL READING - John 14 : 23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love
me will keep my word, and my Father will
love them, and we will come to them and
make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever
does not love me does not keep my
words, and the word that you hear is not
mine but is from the Father who sent me.
²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I
am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the
Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in
my name, will teach you everything and
remind you of all that I have said to
you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I
give to you. I do not give to you as the
world gives. Do not let your hearts be
troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Prayers of Intercession – Christine B

We Pray Especially This Week:

- *For those taking exams this month*
- *For teachers*
- *For our Queen as she works for us*

We Pray for those Unwell in Body, Mind or Spirit

Barbara Grant, Margaret L, Janine Hayland, 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 pray for the souls of Jenny Prentice and Margaret Shipman,*
+May light perpetual shine upon them,
May they rest in peace and rise in glory
We pray for those who are mourning

We Give Thanks and Praise:

- *For the warmer weather*
- *For our Bereavement Friendly Café*
- *For our Mix and Mingle team*

Offertory Hymn – 179 – God of mercy, God of grace

Communion Hymns

93 – Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 14 – And can it be

NOTICES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Today	10.00am-11.30am – Sixth Sunday of Easter - Revd Ada presiding and preaching
Tues 24 May	7.30pm-8.30pm – Night Prayer with mindfulness meditation (Zoom)
Weds 25 May	10am-10.45am Midweek Service in church
Thurs 26 May	No Bible Study during May
Sat 28 May	10.00am-10.30am Prayers for Healing & Wholeness 10.30am-11.30am Holy Dusters & Parish Office for baptisms (Christenings), Weddings and hall bookings
Sun 29 May	10am-11.15am – Ascension Service + Sunday School

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

“The wizard [of Oz] says look inside yourself and find self. God says look inside yourself and find [the Holy Spirit]. The first will get you to Kansas. The latter will get you to heaven. Take your pick.”

— **Max Lucado, Experiencing the Heart of Jesus: Knowing His Heart, Feeling His Love**

“In Christ, for the first time, we see that in God himself there exists--within his inseparable unity--the distinction between the Father who gives and the Gift which is given (the Son), but only in the unity of the Holy Spirit.”

— **Hans Urs von Balthasar, Unless You Become Like This Child**

“It takes the holy spirit to understand things of God”

— **Peter nii korley**

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